

## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Inspector</b>	Adelaide Griffith

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## Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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## **Description of the childminding**

The childminder was registered in 1994. She lives with her husband and one adult child in the Burslem area of Stoke on Trent. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools. The family has a hamster.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five years. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder demonstrates through discussion, a sound understanding of her responsibility to protect children. She intends to implement several safeguarding procedures to manage children's welfare. For example, she has arrangements in place to share information about all aspects of children's learning and care with parents. She is informed about significant changes that must be notified to Ofsted and has carried out risk assessments that identify potential hazards.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion, a reasonable understanding of promoting children's learning. However, she is not sufficiently informed about the areas of learning to link these specifically to planning to promote all aspects of children's development effectively. This indicates that one of the recommendations from the last inspection, namely to address her knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage, is not met.

The childminder explains clearly how she intends to promote children's good health through a balanced diet, daily physical exercise and sleep or quiet routines. She states that sufficient equipment and resources are available to meet the learning and care needs of children. The childminder demonstrates some understanding of offering an inclusive service to all children. She explains that this can be achieved by addressing their individual needs and tackling discrimination.

The childminder has a basic awareness of the self-evaluation process and intends to identify her strengths and areas for improvement. She has devised a questionnaire for parents. The childminder has an appropriate range of the documents required for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- take steps to address knowledge of the six areas of learning and development that together make up the skills, knowledge and experiences appropriate for babies and children as they grow, learn and develop. 03/04/2012

## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: Met

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met