

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 2008. She lives with her husband and two children in Walgherton, near Nantwich. The whole of the house is available for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder walks to the local school to take and collect children and she has a car available for use for other trips. The family has a pet rabbit.

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

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

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a good awareness of her role and responsibilities with regard to safeguarding children. She understands the known signs and symptoms of abuse and has a safeguarding audit document. This is used to assess the risks associated with the use of the internet and also with photographs. Relevant guidelines and contact details are kept close to hand and the childminder has attended relevant training. All relevant enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosures are in place for household members. The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. A range of safety equipment is available and the emergency evacuation procedure is routinely rehearsed with the children. A risk assessment is conducted and reviewed as appropriate. All documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the provision is in place and available for inspection.

The childminder has a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and the Welfare Requirements. Through discussion, she demonstrates that children's health, safety and well-being are prioritised. The childminder has a current certificate in paediatric first aid and a fully-stocked first aid kit is available. Children have access to a variety of toys, play materials and equipment, including construction toys, small world toys, art and craft materials and role play resources. They can access a range of electronic toys and game consoles. The childminder explains that children are encouraged to pursue their own interests and she understands the importance of building upon their existing skills and monitoring their progress. Children are regularly taken to the local parks, village farms to see a range of animals and they can feed the family rabbit with leaves. The childminder values the importance of regular fresh air and exercise for children and each day they can access the garden where they can use the slide, swing and trampoline.

The childminder demonstrates a commitment to offering an inclusive service. She ensures that her own knowledge about children's individual cultural groups is up-to-date and incorporates special events and celebrations. She has a selection of

positive images resources including books depicting images of disabilities, race and culture. Children are supported to make friends, use their manners and respect each other and she explained that she has not had any concerns with their behaviour. The childminder is committed to working in conjunction with parents and others, to ensure continuity of care and to complement children's learning. She keeps parents updated about children's daily activities and routines and uses daily diaries and the learning journals to support this. The childminder demonstrates a positive approach to continuous improvement by completing the self-evaluation document. She has recently completed an Early Years qualification to level 3 and has addressed the recommendation from the previous inspection. Overall, this results in improved outcomes for children.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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