

Inspection report for early years provision

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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 has been registered since 1992. She lives with her husband and their two adult children in a residential area of Hedge End, Southampton in Hampshire. The property is within close proximity to schools, shops and parks. Children have access to all areas on the ground floor, which includes toilet facilities. Upstairs is used for sleeping purposes only. There is an enclosed garden available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years old, three of whom may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently cares for older children. The childminder has a Diploma in Home-based Childcare. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder discusses how she ensures her home is safe and clean at all times. The childminder demonstrates that she has taken action to minimise risks in and outside her home, so that children can play safely. She explains that she is familiar with the child protection procedure in the event of any child welfare concerns. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how children's good health is promoted. She has systems in place to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. The childminder describes how children would learn about health and hygiene through their normal daily routines.

The childminder has recently undertaken a Diploma in Home-based childcare and has a generally good knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a varied range of suitable resources, toys and play equipment that are organised downstairs to promote children's free choice. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of providing fun, active play opportunities for children, which promote all six areas of learning. She talks about the uniqueness of each individual child and of observing, assessing and planning for their specific learning needs. The childminder shares the documentation and records she has organised and available for use. She has a secure understanding of her complaints procedure.

From discussion, the childminder demonstrates she clearly values equality and diversity. Multi-cultural resources are available for children to play with and activities around specific festivals are planned, such as Chinese New Year. The childminder explains that she puts a lot of emphasis on engaging with parents, communicating clearly and openly with them. She shows knowledge of how to develop links with other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage that children may attend. The childminder evaluates her practice and strives to continuously improve her childminding provision by updating her knowledge

through further training. This helps ensure she meet the needs of children that attend.

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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