

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 was registered in 2006 on the Early Years Register and compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her partner and her son aged eight years in East Hoathly in East Sussex. The ground floor of the house is available for childminding and there is a garden for outdoor play. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children currently has no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding issues. She has policies and procedures which demonstrate that she knows what to do if she had concerns about a child's welfare. She has risk assessed her home and made it a safe place for children to play and has considered what she would do in the event of an emergency. The childminder does not have a current first aid certificate which is a breach of a requirement, though she has booked a course to rectify this. The childminder has forms and contracts to gather all the required information for the minded child. This underpins children's welfare. The childminder has a level 2 qualification in childcare and has a lot of experience in working with children. She continually seeks to improve her practice by attending short courses in professional development and learning from the best practice of colleagues. This demonstrates a strong capacity for continuous improvement. The childminder has organised her home to provide a comfortable and inviting place for children to be active learners.

The childminder has a positive approach to promoting equality and diversity, and intends to gather information from parents to enable her to meet children's individual needs. She has a range of resources for children, which include some positive images of diversity.

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how children learn and develop as she described the kind of activities she can provide. Photographs of her previous work show children engaged in a variety of interesting craft projects as well as outings to parks and the local countryside. The childminder understands that children learn best in self-directed play. She is also aware that different aspects of the curriculum can be blended to make sure that children make progress in all areas. For example, writing activities can be brought into outdoor play. The childminder is experienced at tracking children's development against the Foundation Stage and has a good system for recording and sharing children's achievements with parents and others involved in children's development. Her calm and approachable manner makes her a good role model for children at play.

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:

- obtain a paediatric first aid certificate (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to the Childcare Register)

27/04/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the Early Years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for) 27/04/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the Early Years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for) 02/04/2012