

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 registered in 2005. She lives with her partner and two school age children in a residential area of Woodford Green, Essex. The main areas used for childminding purposes are the lounge, conservatory, dining area and upstairs toilet. There is a secure garden available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for five children under eight, three of whom can be in the early years age range. There are currently no children in the early years age group on roll, although the childminder does care for school aged children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has an awareness of the procedures to follow if she has a concern about the safety of a child in her care. She carries out thorough risk assessments of her house and garden and any planned outings. She also regularly checks the safety of the house and maintains a record. The childminder has clearly written policies and procedures that she shares with parents. These include the process to follow should they wish to make a complaint. Most documentation and records are available and up to date, although the childminder does not currently have arrangements to record the names of children who attend and their hours of attendance. This is a breach of the statutory requirements.

The childminder describes activities and experiences for children and adapts equipment to promote their stages of development, their abilities and all areas of learning. She understands the importance of promoting children's individual needs and reflects this by gaining relevant information about children's backgrounds. She demonstrates that she provides routines and activities that value children's culture, ethnicity and language spoken at home and this supports her inclusive practice.

The childminder demonstrates her understanding of the importance of working in partnership with other settings and linked professionals as well as engaging closely with parents to promote continuity of care and development for individual children. She is aware of who to contact within the local authority to update her professional knowledge and where to gain information about changes to practices. This demonstrates her commitment towards continuous improvement. She has endeavoured to meet the recommendations given at the last inspection and has maintained a current paediatric first aid certificate. The childminder is aware of the need for confidentiality regarding recorded information and her public liability insurance is up-to-date.

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:

- keep a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Documentation) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register)

15/03/2012

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 (Records to be kept) 15/03/2012

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 (Records to be kept) 15/03/2012