

## 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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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 1999. He lives with his wife and two adult children in a terraced house on the outskirts of Halifax in West Yorkshire. The childminder's wife and one of his sons are also registered as childminders at the premises. All of the ground floor of the childminder's home and the bathroom on the first floor are used for childminding purposes.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association and is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. He is registered to care for six children under eight years at any one time, of whom three may be in the early years age group. When working with his co-childminders, together they may care for twelve children under eight years at any one time, of whom six may be in the early years age group. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the care of the childminder.

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

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation that he has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how children learn and develop. The childminder discussed how he would promote the six areas of learning through the planning of activities, both indoors and outdoors. For example, by offering children opportunities to take part in activities such as art and craft, baking, listening to stories, exploring sand and water and imaginative play. The childminder discussed how he would take children to visit the library, parks and soft play provisions to promote their learning in the local community. The childminder discussed how through maintaining individual learning journeys he would monitor and assess children's developmental progress.

The childminder discussed how he would promote equality and diversity by offering children opportunities to learn about the cultures and beliefs of others through activities, such as celebrating festivals from around the world with craft and food tasting. He discussed how he would work closely with parents to meet children's individual needs. Through documentation the childminder demonstrates how his knowledge of child protection issues is kept up-to-date through training. He is able to discuss the possible indicators of abuse or neglect and the procedure to follow, should he have any safeguarding concerns about a child in his care.

The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments in place to show how any hazards would be minimised. All documentation to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage is available. The childminder understands the importance of reviewing the quality of his service and promoting continuous improvement. He is able to demonstrate how this is achieved through self-evaluation and how through addressing the recommendations raised at his last inspection he has improved the organisation of toys and the sharing of information with his co-childminders.

## **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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