

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 2003. She lives with her husband and two children aged 13 and 15, in Bexley, Kent. The whole of the ground and most of the first floor is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for no more than five children under eight years. Of these, not more than three may be in the early years age group, and not more than one may be under one year at any time. There are currently no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She knows how to identify signs that suggest a child may be at risk of harm and is clear of the procedures to follow should this occur. The childminder carries out regular risk assessments of her home to make sure it is safe and secure for when children attend. The childminder has comprehensive policies and procedures in place which clearly explain her role and responsibilities towards the children.

The childminder has all the required documentation in place to support children's welfare including a current first aid certificate and valid public liability insurance. The childminder understands the importance of building positive partnerships with parents. She has plans in place to complete folders of children's achievements, their work and photographs of them at play, which will be shared with parents on a regular basis.

The childminder understands the importance of promoting an inclusive practice. There is a range of resources available that promote positive images of diversity, such as books and small world toys to help children learn about the wider world.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. For example, she describes how she would promote language and communication skills with books; and encourage role play to help children's creative development. The childminder has a wide range of age appropriate resources which will be stored in an accessible way when children attend. She also plans to rotate these regularly to give children an increased choice. The outdoor facilities available will offer opportunities to extend children's physical skills and promote a healthy lifestyle. In addition, the childminder plans to introduce a variety of fruit and vegetables to the children to extend their knowledge of healthy eating.

The childminder knows how to use observations and assessments to identify targets based on children's starting points. She has systems in place to build on children's achievements and help them progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder explains how she will use information from parents to help inform

her future planning and meet children's individual learning and development needs. The childminder has positive relationships with other early years providers in the area. She understands the importance of this to provide continuity should any children she cares for in the future also attend another facility for shared care.

The childminder has planned how she will seek feedback from parents and children as a way to evaluate her service. She also meets with other childminders in the area to share ideas and information. This demonstrates that she has the capacity for continuous improvement.

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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