

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 registered in 1994. She lives with her two adult children in a semi-detached house in Northfleet, Kent. The home is close to the promenade and pier, parks and pre-schools. The whole of the property is available for childminding, although the upstairs is only used for babies to sleep. There is a fully enclosed rear 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 may care for four children aged under eight years, three of whom may be in the early years age group. There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group although the childminder is caring for two children over eight years. She walks to local schools to take and collect children.

The family have a pet dog and a cat.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, that she has a clear understanding of child protection. She is aware of her responsibilities regarding safeguarding and has a good understanding of the signs that a child may be at risk. The childminder explains how she undertakes visual risk assessments of her home and outings to minimise risks so that children can play safely. However, she has no written record of risk assessment which is a breach of a legal requirement. The childminder outlines her experience of supporting children to keep themselves safe through simple reminders and through the daily routines. She explains that she would plan regular opportunities for children to practise evacuation drills to ensure they understand the procedure to follow in the event of a fire.

The childminder demonstrates an awareness of the necessary information to obtain from parents to meet individual children's health and welfare needs. She has experience of completing progress records that clearly demonstrate this. The childminder understands how to encourage children to learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. For example, she would provide a nutritious, balanced diet in line with their individual dietary requirements. She would also offer opportunities for fresh air and exercise in her enclosed garden and on outings to the local park. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate. She has appropriate arrangements in place to seek written permission from parent/carers regarding the administration of medication and to seek emergency medical treatment. The childminder demonstrates a positive attitude towards behaviour management and knows how to use age-appropriate strategies.

The childminder has knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and is fully familiar with the six areas of learning. She also recognises the importance of observation and assessment to promote individual children's learning and development. The childminder has a wide range of toys and activities that would enable children to engage in a balance

of child-initiated play and adult-directed activities. She demonstrates a positive approach towards inclusion and describes how she would promote equality and diversity within her setting.

The childminder is aware of the importance of working closely in partnership with parent/carers and with providers in other settings that children attend. This positive approach ensures that consistency is promoted regarding children's individual care and learning.

Since her last inspection, the childminder has evaluated her service and completed some additional courses relating to childcare. She has fully addressed the recommendations made. She discusses childminding practice with other childminders and colleagues at the local Surestart Centre where she works on a part-time basis. This demonstrates her positive attitude to maintaining improvement.

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:

- make a record of the risk assessment clearly stating when it was carried out, by whom, date of review and any action taken following a review or incident.
(Suitable premises, environment and equipment)
- 11/04/2012

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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