

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting

Childminder

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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 2007. She lives with her husband and two children, one teenager and the youngest aged seven years, in Carshalton, Surrey. The whole of the ground floor of the house and is used for childminding. Regular outings are made to parks and play areas to provide outdoor play and learning.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of five children under eight years may attend, with no more than three in the early years age group. There are no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of this inspection, although the childminder provides care for school-age children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder shows a good knowledge of safeguarding and has a clearly organised range of policies and procedures in place to maintain children's safety and security. She has a well-organised risk assessment system and her first aid training is in date. The childminder also shows a good understand of the need to support children's awareness of healthy lifestyles.

The childminder is an experienced provider and has completed training in early years childcare. She has a good overall understanding of the requirements and has specific guidance documents in place to promote children's literacy. She is also able to show, by means of prepared documents, how she would provide a planned range of activities for children to include all areas of learning. The childminder has a wide range of resources available to support early years learning. For example, she has resources for manipulative play, creative activities and learning about shapes and numbers. She also has an organised selection of play materials to support outdoor play.

The childminder demonstrates an effective understanding of inclusion and promoting individual children's achievement. She is aware of the need for nondiscriminatory practice and understands the early years focus on the unique child. She is also able to demonstrate how she would support individual children's learning through observation and assessment. The childminder effectively understands the importance of sharing children's development with parents. She is also aware of working in partnership with other settings to meet each child's care and learning needs.

Through regular meetings with other local childminders, the childminder has gathered an effective understanding of the need for continuous improvement. She is aware of how to appraise her play programme, and apply self-evaluation.

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