

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 1998. She lives with her three children aged 18, 16 and 10 in Leigh, Lancashire. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house and two bedrooms on the first floor are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, no more than three of which may be in the early years age range. She also offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She holds an early years qualification to Level 3.

At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates her secure understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in their care. She has attended associated training sessions and, through discussion, she evidences a clear understanding of the issues, including potential indicators of abuse. A clear policy and guidance information for safeguarding includes details of the action to take and telephone numbers of whom to contact, should she have concerns about a child in her care. Her procedures are clearly linked to those of the Local Safeguarding Children Board. The premises are safe and secure, with an appropriate risk assessment carried out of all areas that children will access and measures taken to reduce potential hazards. Records show the extent to which the childminder plans for children's health and safety. For example, she maintains information questionnaires and medicine and accident recording procedures in each child's personal file. An extensive range of well organised records are in place to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The childminder describes how partnerships with parents and carers are built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. The childminder's records demonstrate how individual details are obtained for every child in her care. She describes how she involves parents in planning for young children's care and learning using home-link diary records, and by sending home questionnaires which enable parents to contribute their views about the provision. Records demonstrate the wealth of information parents receive so they know how the setting operates, including an extensive range of policies, procedures and consent forms.

Through discussion the childminder sufficiently demonstrates her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how she plans to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Routine observations of what children can do helps the childminder assess children's priorities for learning. This means she is able plan relevant activities and resources to help children progress further.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates her secure understanding of how to promote learning through play using the good range of toys and equipment she continues to have available.

Discussions and records evidence the childminder's commitment to using quality improvement processes. Since the last inspection she has achieved a recognised early years qualification at Level 3 and has updated her training in relation to paediatric first aid and safeguarding. She has also attended local Early Years Foundation Stage training in an effort to keep her knowledge current.

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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