

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 2000. She lives with her husband and two adult children. They live in a house in a residential area in Grays, Essex. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is registered for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder walks or drives to local schools to take and collect children. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and her documentation, that she has a suitable understanding of the welfare and learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The documentation required for the smooth and efficient management of the provision is in place and readily available for inspection. The childminder demonstrates through discussion her understanding of the procedures to follow in the event of any safeguarding concerns. Relevant guidelines and contact details are kept close to hand and the childminder has attended appropriate safeguarding training. The childminder is aware of her duty to ensure that children are only supervised by people who have completed the relevant background suitability checks. However, owing to the fact that she has no children on roll, the childminder has allowed her paediatric first aid certificate to expire and she has not yet booked to attend another training course. This is a breach of requirements and means that that her knowledge and skills have not been updated in order for her to deal with accidents and emergencies effectively.

The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. A risk assessment is conducted to protect children from harm and the childminder also regularly checks her smoke alarms to make sure they are in working order. An evacuation plan has been devised and would be practised so that children know what to do and can swiftly exit the premises in an emergency. Children's safety on outings is also carefully considered. The childminder talks positively about boosting healthy lifestyles and recognises the value of fresh air and exercise either through playing in the garden or when visiting local parks.

The childminder explains that she has a wide range of play equipment in storage and that she ensures that activities are in tune with children's interests and capabilities. She is fully aware of the importance of making regular observations and using assessments to plan for the next stage in children's learning. A good

range of written policies and procedures are in place, to ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. From discussion, the childminder demonstrates that equality and diversity are promoted through play resources and books. The childminder shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way, which promotes the children's welfare and development.

The childminder is committed to working in conjunction with parents and others to ensure continuity of care and to complement children's learning. She demonstrates a positive approach to continuous improvement and acts on advice from her local authority development worker. The recommendations from the previous inspection have been addressed. The childminder has fitted a paper towel dispenser and provides liquid soap to prevent the risk of cross-infection when children wash their hands. There is also now a system to evaluate and review quality to ensure good standards are maintained.

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:

- complete a paediatric first aid certificate at the earliest opportunity (Suitable people) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 03/05/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 03/05/2012

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