

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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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 1996. She lives with her three children aged 18, 14 and nine in Clayton, Manchester. The whole of the ground floor and the enclosed back garden is used for childminding. The family have a pet rabbit, which is kept in the garden. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years; of these, three may be in the early years age range. The childminder provides an out of school service from local primary schools.

At the time of the inspection, the childminder had no children on roll. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3 and receives support from the local authority.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates that she has an understanding of child protection procedures and knows the action to take should there be concerns about a child. Therefore, children would be suitably safeguarded. Members of the household have also been vetted through Ofsted. The childminder has established policies and procedures and this supports her in providing a safe and secure environment. Risk assessments of all areas accessed by the children are in place to ensure a safe environment.

The childminder demonstrates the necessary knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has organised the environment sufficiently to meet children's individual needs and demonstrates how she would provide an inclusive service for all children. A varied range of toys and resources are available. These are stored on suitable shelving in clear boxes to aid children's independence. The childminder would provide a balanced range of activities in accordance with children's interests and learning priorities. Activities would be adapted so that all children are able to be included. The childminder recognises the importance of sharing information with parents and liaising with early years providers and professionals to promote continuity in care, learning and development.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion how she would promote children's health, such as initiating hygienic hand washing routines. She discusses appropriate activities to promote opportunities for children to be active and energetic. The childminder considers the service she provides and reviews her practice when necessary. She discusses practice issues with other professionals and keeps her knowledge current by attending relevant training.

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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