

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 registered in 2001. She lives with her partner and four children in Epsom in Surrey. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children at any one time, of these, two may be in the early years group. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early year's age group.

The childminder drives to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local parent/toddler groups and takes children to the local park, soft play and the playground. The childminder has two tortoises, two lizards, two rabbits and a dog.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her satisfactory understanding of safeguarding children. This is supported by her policies and procedures and her knowledge of what to do if she had any concerns regarding a child in her care. The childminder understands the requirements regarding the documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the provision. She demonstrates a sufficient understanding of undertaking risk assessment to manage the safety of her home. The childminder has a sufficient knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the ability to support and promote children's care and learning. Discussion shows that the childminder has carefully considered how she will meet children's individual needs and promote inclusion. The childminder highlights that resources will be tailored and supportive of children's individual needs and learning styles. Assessment processes include gathering information from parents regarding their child's development and making observations of children as they play. Proposed activities include those to encourage children to explore other cultures and outings to learn about their local area and the wider world.

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the need to establish relationships with parents and others providing early years education. She shows a clear ability to record and share information regularly. The childminder shows a positive attitude towards equality and diversity and shows an understanding of how to promote inclusion within her setting. She has a variety of multicultural toys and resources and supports children's understanding through discussion and by acknowledging various festivals. Healthy lifestyles are supported through the provision of healthy meals and snacks and through daily walks, outings or playing in the garden. The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate and has a full understanding of the need to record accidents. The childminder demonstrates a satisfactory ability to drive improvements. She is happy to

undertake further training and keeps up to date with mandatory training, such as first aid.

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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