

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 1995. She lives with her two adult children and daughter aged 13 years in a property in the Wigton Moor area of Leeds. The whole of the ground floor and bathroom facilities on the first floor are used for childminding purposes. There is a fully enclosed rear garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. Currently there are no children on roll in the early years age range.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates her knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children in her care. She has a written safeguarding policy and is aware of whom to contact if she has a concern. This is because the childminder has attended safeguarding training and understands her role and responsibilities. The childminder has detailed policies and procedures in place to ensure the setting is well managed and they are regularly reviewed. Previous recommendations have been appropriately addressed. For example, the emergency evacuation procedure is displayed for children and the childminder has a system for recording fire drills. Risk assessments have been conducted for the premises and outings and the childminder is able to accurately identify risks and minimise these to reduce potential dangers to children. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and updated with any changes.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She explains how she provides a range of age and developmentally appropriate activities to support children's individual learning and progression. She is aware how to monitor and track children's progress using observation and assessment to plan their next steps towards the early learning goals. The childminder discusses how she works with parents and children to complete a 'What I like to do' form. This details their likes and dislikes and is used to create activities and learning opportunities linked to children's interests.

The childminder's home is clean and well maintained and there is adequate space for children to play both indoors and outdoors. The childminder provides a range of resources that cover all six areas of learning. Resources are kept in the playroom and are at a low level so children can independently access them. The childminder explains how these are rotated and there is a catalogue of toys for children to select from. The childminder discusses how she uses positive strategies to manage children's behaviour and has displayed house rules that older children have devised on the notice board. The childminder explains how she provides

healthy and nutritious meals and snacks for children and ensures that water is always available. Detailed policies and procedures are in place to minimise the spread of infection and promote good health. Hand washing posters are displayed for the children and the childminder explains how children are supported to adopt good hygiene practices.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, how information is shared with parents to ensure children's individual needs are met. She uses a journal system to record children's achievements and shares these with parents. The childminder has a positive attitude to continually improving her practices to ensure she meets the needs of all children.

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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