

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 two school aged children in Ashford, Kent. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare register. She is registered to care for a maximum of four children at any one time. There are no children in the Early Years age range on roll. The childminder walks and drives to local schools to take and collect children. The childminder attends the local parent/toddler group. The family has a cat and some fish.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge in relation to her safeguarding role and responsibility. She discusses how she promotes children's safety. She states that she supervises children closely and takes additional precautions on outings, for example, the children wear identity bracelets that record her contact details. The childminder is aware of the importance of establishing positive partnerships with parents and ensuring that they are kept up to date with their children's progress. The childminder demonstrates an understanding of the importance of developing links with others involved in the care and education of the children, as and when the need arises. The childminder is committed to offering an inclusive service. Her resources are plentiful, well maintained and appropriate for the ages of the children she is registered to care for. The range includes items that provide positive images of diversity.

The childminder ensures that she would be able to assist children in the event of an injury by maintaining a paediatric first aid qualification. The childminder demonstrates a good commitment to supporting children's health by teaching them about healthy eating and good hygiene practices. The childminder is happy to provide food or store and serve food provided by parents. She explains how she offers healthy and nutritious meals and snacks. The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, a good understanding of how to promote children's learning through play and has the knowledge needed to assess children's progress. She enjoys the process of teaching and is able to describe enthusiastically how she is creative in the ways she engages children in their learning. She explains how she observes the children and uses this information to assess where they are in their learning and how this informs her future planning. The childminder demonstrates how she manages children's behaviour positively, for example, using marbles in a jar as a reward system.

The childminder understands the value of self-evaluating her service to identify areas for further development. She has taken appropriate action following her last inspection to address the recommendations set. She demonstrates a suitable capacity to make ongoing improvements to her practice.

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

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