

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 registered in 2007. She lives with her husband and two school-aged children in Kingshill, West Malling, Kent. The ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of three children aged under eight years at any one time; of these, two children may be in the early years age range. The childminder has no children on roll. The childminder is available to walk or drive to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local parent/toddler group and local childminding group. The family has a pet cat. The childminder holds a recognised childcare qualification at National Vocation Qualification level three.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a secure understanding of her responsibilities in helping to safeguard children. She demonstrates how she conducts regular risk assessments of her premises, toys and equipment in order to keep children safe. The childminder attends regular safeguarding training to help her improve her knowledge of child protection issues. The childminder has appropriate record books available for recording children's attendance and recording accidents and existing injuries. She has addressed a recommendation from her last inspection to improve the detail in her medication record. The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate and has emergency medical procedures in place. The childminder is able to explain the procedures she has to help her work in partnership with parents and others. For example, she exchanges information with playgroup key persons in order to support children who attend both provisions. She is able to demonstrate through her previous records that she discusses children's individual requirements with their parents. She places importance on the provision of healthy meals and snacks. Her regular discussions with parents help her to evaluate her practice and continually improve her service for children and their families.

The childminder has a strong working knowledge of the learning and development requirements and is able to explain how she will meet them. She has sound procedures in place to observe children, assess their individual abilities and gauge their starting points. She suitably plans activities to help them progress towards the early learning goals. The array of toys and activities are suitable for a wide age range of children. The childminder explains how she plans for the six areas of learning for each child by using the available toys and activities. Play resources are organised in a manner that helps to promote children's free choice. They are sufficient in quantity and quality and stored on low shelving. The childminder also consults the practice guidance for suggestions for different tasks and pursuits with which to interest the children. Children would make their own choices about what

they play with and would elect the places to visit with her. The childminder has a suitable range of books with which to explore different cultures, disabilities and languages with children. She describes how she involves all children in learning about each other's differences. The childminder offers an inclusive service for 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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