

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 1992. She lives in Farnham, Surrey with her husband and two adult children. The ground floor of the house is used for childminding and there are toileting facilities on this level. Sleeping facilities are provided on the first floor. There is a fully enclosed rear garden for outside play with a patio and grassed area. The home is situated within walking distance of local parks, shops and other community resources.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, three of which may be in the early years age range. She is also registered for overnight care for two children under eight years. At the time of this inspection, there are no children on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She is able to take children to and from local schools and nurseries.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of safeguarding issues and procedures. Information about her role in protecting children is ready to be shared with parents through the use of written policies and procedures. The childminder discusses how she makes her home safe and secure when she is caring for children. Risk assessments are conducted and regularly reviewed. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates an understanding of how to promote children's good health. She has systems in place to keep relevant records such as a details of accidents and any medicine she gives to children. The childminder has a current first aid certificate and regularly checks the contents of her first aid box.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and documentation, a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She knows how children develop and learn and has good arrangements to support them to make progress towards the early learning goals. She explains that she has previously obtained detailed information from parents to enable her to meet their child's needs. Appropriate systems are in place to observe and assess children and to plan for their future progress in all areas of learning. A range of interesting and challenging resources are available including toys that promote positive images of diversity.

The childminder has experience of building positive partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies through the sharing of information. She understands the importance of cohesive working to meet the needs of the child. She is also aware of the need to work in partnership with any other early years settings if the need arises. Systems for self-evaluation are in place and the childminder explains that she would gain the views of parents and identify her strengths and areas for development. She is proactive in driving improvements through attending training

and has successfully met the recommendations from her last inspection.

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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