

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 1997. She lives with her family in Rainham, Essex. Most areas of the house are used for minding children. There is also a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The family has cats and a dog.

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. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local toddler groups. The childminder currently has no children in the early years age range on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion a secure knowledge of safeguarding and the procedures to follow if she has a concern about the children in her care. She has all the relevant documentation in place, including written policies and procedures to support her practice and has attended further safeguarding training. She has written risk assessments which reflect her understanding of providing a safe and secure environment for children to play in. She holds a current first aid certificate and public liability insurance.

The childminder has a clear understanding about the importance of valuing children's backgrounds. She gains relevant information about children to enable her to meet their needs in line with parents' wishes. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates her procedures for making sure all children feel welcome and included in her home. For example she values and respects children's home languages and cultures whilst in her care. Play resources are stored accessibly to encourage children's self-selection and independent decision-making.

The childminder describes how she offers a flexible service regarding the preparation and provision of food and drink. She is very aware of collating information about children's dietary requirements including their preferences. The childminder understands the importance of physical exercise and fresh air for young children and talks about the local facilities accessible to her to help promote children's well-being.

The childminder has many years experience of childminding and understands the importance of working with the family to meet children's needs. She talks about sharing daily information with children and their parents and making close liaisons with other professionals and settings to promote continuity of care and development.

The childminder has a positive attitude towards continuous improvement and has attended additional training since her last inspection. She is eager to gain information about how to develop her service further and uses the local authority to continuously develop her skills and knowledge. She has also addressed the recommendations from her previous inspection to enhance the provision for 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

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