

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 husband and two children, one of whom is a young adult in Goring-by-Sea, near Worthing, West Sussex. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding and children can also access an upstairs bathroom if required. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder takes children to the library and local beach. The family has a pet dog.

The provision is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time; of these three may be in the early years age range. The childminder is currently caring for five children before and after school. There are no children on roll in the early years age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children. She is aware of the signs and symptoms and the procedures to follow if she has any cause for concern. She has completed a visual risk assessment of her premises to identify the potential hazards around her house, although there are no records of these, when they have been done or who they have been done by, which is a breach of a specific legal requirement. With a few exceptions, the childminder demonstrates through discussion and past records, a suitable awareness of the variety of documentation she is required to keep. All adults living at the premises have had a Criminal Records Bureau check and are suitable.

The childminder is committed to offering an inclusive environment to all children and encourages them to learn about the wider world through her range of resources, activities and discussions. She has a basic understanding of the ways in which children develop and learn, and talks of a variety of activities and experiences children are able to participate in such as art and crafts, dough and imaginative play. Although unfamiliar with the professional terminology, she is able to demonstrate a sound awareness of the observation and assessment process, and how children progress in their learning. There are a range of toys and resources available for children to access. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates an appropriate understanding of promoting effective health and hygiene practices such as hand washing and teeth brushing. The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and other early years providers to help ensure continuity of care.

The childminder has recently completed a qualification in children's care, learning and development to level 3, helping to improve the outcomes for children. She is apprehensive about future training, but is aware of the benefits of attending short courses to improve her knowledge and understanding, of the learning and

development requirements in particular. She is aware of the need to continually evaluate her practice in order to secure improvement, and has met the recommendations set at her last inspection. This has improved the safety and welfare of minded children.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly - at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises. Ensure the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked.
(Premises, environment & equipment)
- 29/05/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children) (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register) 29/05/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- ensure a written statement of procedures is in place that can be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with complaints) (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register) 29/05/2012