

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 was registered in November 2003. She lives with her husband and three children, aged eight, 11 and 12 years, in Feltham, Middlesex. The whole of the childminder's house is available for childminding with the main play area being on the ground floor. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time and, of these, no more than three may be in the early years age group. The childminder currently has no children on roll in the early years age group. She also offers care to children up to 11 years old. The childminder is able to walk to the local school, to take and collect children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder maintains a clean, welcoming, family environment for childminding. She has a sound knowledge of how to support children with their learning and development, working in partnership with parents and others, as applicable. She demonstrated through discussion and documentation the variety of activities she plans for children which will enable them to develop in all skill areas. For example, children have previously gone on outings to the shops and playgroups to help develop their social skills and knowledge of their local community. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how children's good health is promoted. She describes how she would provide children with a healthy, varied diet and regular opportunities for exercise. The childminder ensures her premises are safe and maintains risk assessment documentation in support of her practice. She explains how she helps children learn about safety, for example, through discussion about road safety and not talking to strangers. The childminder maintains a wide range of documentation and shares all her policies and procedures with parents to keep them well informed about her childminding service. She has a secure knowledge of how to safeguard children's welfare and is clear about the procedures to follow with any concerns. The childminder has a very positive attitude towards inclusion and respecting all children. She describes how she has previously supported children in learning about diversity and gave good examples of fun activities used to develop children's understanding about other cultures. The childminder is enthusiastic and keen to continually improve her practice. She has addressed both recommendations made at her last inspection which related to resources and safety. Play resources are of good quality and organised in a manner which helps to promote children's free choice. Her fire evacuation plan is displayed and practised with children to develop their understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the home. The childminder has completed a self-evaluation form reflecting on all areas of her practice. She is proactive in regularly attending training workshops to further develop her knowledge and skills.

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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