

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 two foster children, both of whom are of school age. They live in Northolt, in the London Borough of Ealing. The children have use of the whole of the ground floor and the first floor of the house. There is an enclosed garden available for outdoor play. The family has goldfish as pets.

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 six children under eight years at any one time. There were no children in the early years age range on roll at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of the action she would take if she had any safeguarding concerns. She has updated her first aid training, which gives her the skills to manage accidents appropriately. Written policies and procedures are available to guide the childminder in her practices, including safeguarding, uncollected child and outings.

The childminder demonstrates an awareness of the records and documents she must have in place in order to meet the regulations. She has formats in place to support her in recording information, such as the administration of medication, attendance and children's personal details. The childminder has yet to undertake a risk assessment on the environment and she does not hold up-to-date public liability insurance. These are breaches of legal requirements.

The childminder has systems in place to obtain the necessary information from parents to contribute to providing suitable care for individual children in the form of a personal information booklet. The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how she can promote children's awareness of learning about differences in society, such as providing different resources that promote positive images. She has an awareness of the importance of working with other professionals to provide continuity of care and learning for children.

The childminder has begun to evaluate her provision. She has systems in place to enable her to gain the views of the parents, which will contribute to her identifying areas for further improvement. The childminder works with the early years advisor in relation to her own practice issues. She also updates her knowledge and skills by attending training, such as health and safety and risk assessments. This demonstrates that she aims for continuous improvement.

The childminder has a variety of different toys and uses the local amenities to vary the activities provided; these include use of parks and toddler groups. However, she is unable to demonstrate her understanding of the learning and development requirements. Consequently, she lacks awareness of the six areas of learning and

the activities she would provide to promote these areas to meet the children's needs. This is a breach of a legal requirement.

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:

- obtain public liability insurance (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 07/06/2012
- conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly - at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 07/06/2012
- improve knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage so that children are provided with an educational programme that will enable them to make progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning (Educational Programmes). 21/06/2012

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:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Insurance/ Suitability and safety of premises and equipment) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 07/06/2012

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:

- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare register (Insurance/ Suitability and safety of premises and equipment) 07/06/2012