

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting	Childminder
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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 1997. She lives with her two school age children in Stonebridge, in the London Borough of Brent. The whole ground floor is used for childminding, and there is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for four children under eight years; of these, three may be in the early years age group. The childminder has no children in the early years age range on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder described how she would create a safe environment for children by using suitable safety equipment and close supervision. She explained how she would help children learn about keeping themselves safe by teaching road safety and providing clear boundaries. The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of child protection issues and is aware of the procedures to follow if she had concerns about a child in her care. However, the childminder does not hold a current first-aid certificate and has not maintained a written record of her risk assessment. These are both specific legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

The childminder explained how she would promote children's good health through the provision of healthy meals, exercise and fresh air. The childminder described how she would follow parental preferences for their children's care to meet children's individual needs. She stated that she would maintain ongoing discussions with parents and would liaise with other settings children attend. The childminder explained how she would share information with parents, but this would not include Ofsted's current address and telephone number, which is a specific legal requirement. The childminder explained how she would manage children's behaviour and described suitable strategies to help them understand the difference between right and wrong.

The childminder stated that she is willing to update her skills and complete further training. She is aware, from reflecting on her practice, of some areas of weakness, and she demonstrated sufficient capacity to make improvement. The childminder described how she offers children a variety of activities. She explained how she would observe what children do, but recognises she does not currently have sufficient understanding of the early learning goals or educational programmes to meet the learning and development requirements. The childminder has a small selection of indoor and outdoor toys. She described how she would raise children's awareness of diversity through activities and resources.

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:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 29/07/2012
- maintain a record of risk assessment clearly stating when it was carried out, date of review and any action taken following a review or incident (Documentation) 12/06/2012
- improve knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage in order to meet the welfare, learning and development needs of all children. (Organisation) 29/07/2012

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 (Welfare of children being cared for). 29/07/2012

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 early years section of the report (Welfare of the childminder being cared for). 29/07/2012