

## 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 1998. She lives with her husband and two school aged children in Paignton, Devon. The whole of the three story house is registered to use for childminding purposes and there is garden for outdoor play. The family keeps a pet hamster.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and on 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, of these, three may be in the early years age group. There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of inspection.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder has a suitable knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and associated requirements. Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate an understanding of the importance of inclusion and meeting children's individual needs. Records show this is established with parents from the start through home visits, completing 'All About Me' forms and obtaining information regarding children's needs. Through discussion, she also demonstrates an understanding of the importance of developing links with other settings children attend. The childminder has a range of resources to promote each area of learning, including toys which reflect positive images of the lifestyles and cultures of children in her care.

The childminder has a suitable understanding of child protection issues and procedures to support her in safeguarding children's welfare. She has attended training and has written procedures in place. In addition, she maintains a suitably hygienic and safe environment. Through discussion and record keeping, the childminder is able to demonstrate how she promotes children's learning in all six areas. This includes time to explore her play provision at home, gardening and baking activities and time to develop language and literacy skills. In addition, daily physical activities outside in all weather are organised. She has previously kept scrap books for children illustrating their progress through written observations, photographs and examples of their work. This information was used to plan children's development within the activities they have shown an interest in.

The childminder demonstrates a commitment to maintain continuous improvements. She has previously completed a self-evaluation form to identify improvements and linked with the local authority to keep up to date regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has also addressed the recommendation made at her last inspection regarding practising the fire evacuation procedure.

## **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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