

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 1993. She lives with her husband and children aged 17 and 13 years, in Ashton-under Lyne, an area of Tameside. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom, no more than three may be in the early years age range and of whom, no more than one may be under one year old. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five to eight years. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and those who speak English as an additional language. She is supported by Tameside Sure Start.

At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. All the actions set at the last inspection have been met, which includes detailed policies and procedures for the safe management of the setting, all of which are regularly reviewed. She also holds an up-to-date first aid certificate. Since the last inspection, the childminder has not been caring for children and has dedicated a lot of time and effort to improve her service. She is very keen to work with the new systems now in place to record planning, observation and assessments across the six areas of learning. She demonstrates through discussion a variety of activities, which she offers children and learning journals are in place to record their time spent in her home.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion a secure understanding of what to do if there are any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The comprehensive policy for safeguarding includes the action to take, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. Furthermore, she attends recent training to keep herself up to date with the safeguarding procedures. The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments in place and undertaken. These are combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are developing to meet children's individual needs. New systems are now in place to enable parents to become involved in their children's learning and development. For example, detailed questionnaires are in place and termly reports are ready to support transition with other providers. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and documentation evidences positive strategies within the setting. She

speaks of the importance of herself and family being good role models to the children who attend. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. She explains how she will provide healthy meals and snacks for all children and discuss menus with parents.

The quality improvement processes, such as the childminder's regular commitment to working alongside the Sure Start development officer and her own training, has helped her to gain more confidence to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Furthermore, continual reading of the guidance also ensures the capacity to maintain improvement. She is beginning to use self-evaluation to monitor her service and review her development since the last inspection.

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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