

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 2000. She lives with her adult daughter in Hayes, Middlesex. The childminder uses most of the premises for childminding, with the exception of one of the bedrooms. The childminder makes use of local facilities such as parks, the library and toddler groups. The family has two cats.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time; all three children may be in the early years age group. At the time of inspection there were no children in the Early Years age group on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder does not meet all the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She does not have a certificate of public liability insurance and does not keep a written record of risk assessment for her premises. These are breaches of legal requirements. However, she described how she risk assesses her home for children. She puts safety measures in place, such as a stair gate across the kitchen door, to help keep children safe. She demonstrated through discussion suitable knowledge of the procedures to follow to protect children if concerned they are at risk. At the time of inspection the premises were being refurbished and the childminder was unable to produce a number of records and documents that are required to be kept to meet the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework, including attendance details and accident reports.

Some resources are easily accessible for children as they are stored at low-level in the front room. The childminder described how she would use appropriate resources to support her in planning activities to help children make progress in all areas of learning. She explains how she would assess observations and use this information to identify and plan next steps in learning for each child. The childminder described how she provides an inclusive environment and considers the individual needs of each child. The childminder demonstrated good knowledge of working effectively with other professionals to support children's care and learning. She explained how she verbally discusses her policies and procedures with parents, including safeguarding and complaints, to help them understand the service she provides. Since the last inspection the childminder has improved her child protection knowledge and renewed her first aid certificate. However, she has not considered a self-evaluation system to help identify her strengths and areas for improvement. This limits her capacity to continually improve.

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:

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| • carry public liability insurance for the provision (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) | 26/06/2012 |
| • ensure records are easily accessible and available for inspection by Ofsted (Documentation) | 26/06/2012 |
| • maintain a record of the risk assessment clearly stating when it was carried out, by whom, date of review and any action taken following a review or incident (Documentation). | 26/06/2012 |

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:

- obtain insurance in respect of liability which may be incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (Insurance) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 26/06/2012
- devise a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with complaints) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 26/06/2012
- devise a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 26/06/2012
- make available to parents copies of the written statements of safeguarding procedures and complaints procedures (Providing information to parents) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 26/06/2012

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 for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Insurance, Procedures for dealing with complaints, Arrangements for safeguarding children, Providing information to parents). 26/06/2012