

## 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 1996. She lives with her husband and three children in Epsom, Surrey. The whole of the ground floor of the home is used for childminding purposes. Children have access to a lounge, kitchen/dining room and playroom. Bathroom facilities are located on the ground floor. Children have daily opportunities for outdoor play within the secure garden and at local parks. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years; of these, three may be in the early years age group. At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early year's age group. The childminder offers care to children on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is a member of both the National Childminding Association and a local childminding network. She has a level three qualification in early years care and education. The family has a cat.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates that she has effective systems to safeguard the children in her care. She fully understands how to refer any concerns that she may have about children in her care. The childminder updates her training in child protection on a regular basis. The childminder undertakes thorough written risk assessments for the home, garden and outings. All required documentation and records are well organised and stored effectively to maintain confidentiality. The childminder has a fully comprehensive portfolio of written policies and procedures that she makes accessible to parents.

The childminder is fully motivated to drive improvements; she shows good levels of interest in evaluating her provision and is taking part in her local authority's quality improvement system. The childminder shows that she is fully aware of the benefits of establishing strong bonds with parents and also others providing early years education. She has systems in place to record and exchange information on a regular basis. The childminder has a sound knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and how to support children's learning and development. Systems to observe, assess and plan for children's individual interests and needs are in place. She has a good range of suitable toys and equipment to help children make progress.

The childminder shows that she has a good understanding of adopting a healthy lifestyle and how to promote this with children. She has a current paediatric first aid certificate and is able to support children in the event of an incident. Playing in the secure garden and outings within the local community and further afield aid children's developing physical skills. The childminder demonstrates that she provides an inclusive setting where children learn about equality and diversity through accessing multicultural toys and books. The childminder also supports children to learn about various festivals through discussion.

## **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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