

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 was registered in 2002. She lives in a house on the outskirts of Leicester City. The whole of the ground floor and the first floor bathroom is used for childminding. There is an 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 six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she has a clear understanding of her role and responsibilities with regard to safeguarding and has a policy which she shares with parents. All necessary records and consents are in place to support the smooth running of her provision.

Appropriate action is taken to ensure children are kept safe both inside the house and in the garden. She is alert to potential hazards and is aware of the need to keep a written record of her risk assessment. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she has an adequate knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and that she has a sound understanding of how children's learning and development can be promoted through play activities. She understands the need to make observations of children at play, so that she can monitor their progress and provide appropriate support. The childminder provides a welcoming environment and shows a positive attitude towards inclusion. She finds out about children's needs through discussion with parents and she maintains appropriate records which detail children's interests, dietary requirements and allergies.

She has completed first aid training, keeps a first aid kit and understands how to manage and record accidents. She is also aware of the procedures to follow for the safe administration of medication. The childminder is willing to liaise with other professionals to support individual children and states how beneficial good relationships are with parents and carers and others who provide care and education for the children attending. The childminder is able to provide a balanced range of meals and snacks for children in line with parents' wishes. Systems for managing children's behaviour are in place and the childminder demonstrated a clear understanding of how to encourage good behaviour and to use appropriate strategies.

The childminder is keen to keep herself up to date with current practice through attending appropriate training and obtaining online information in response to changing legislation and guidance. She maintains the required records, including attendance records and parental consents, and is aware of the importance of storing her records for childminding confidentially. The registered person continues

to meet the requirements of registration.

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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