

## 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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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 2011. She lives with her two adult children and two children aged 11 and 14 years in the Openshaw area of Manchester. The whole of the ground floor of the house is used for childminding, along with bathroom facilities on the first floor. There is a rear paved yard for outdoor play.

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. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

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 her suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She shows a sound understanding of keeping children safe from harm, has a suitable safeguarding policy in place and has completed safeguarding training. The policy includes the action to take if there were any concerns, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. All adults in her home have been checked as to their suitability. The childminder's home has been risk assessed and any hazards have been minimised. For example, safety gates and cupboard locks have been fitted. She has a current first aid certificate, which means she is able to take suitable action in the event of an emergency. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she understands the documentation required to support children's well-being. She has organised her home to provide a comfortable place for children to play and learn. For example, she has set up a playroom that consists of child-sized furniture and toys that can be easily accessed. The childminder is aware of keeping children and her premises safe. She keeps doors and gates locked and has a fire evacuation plan which she intends to practise with children. She develops children's awareness of staying safe through simple rules and appropriate explanations.

The childminder has a positive approach to promoting equality and diversity and respect for people's differences with children in her care. She describes how she ensures that children will enjoy a suitable range of activities which take account of their interests and needs, enabling them to make sufficient progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of how children learn and develop. She intends to observe children and to plan activities so that play is purposeful. The childminder plans to include outdoor play for physical development and to assist their learning. She understands that children learn well with a balance of adult-led and child-initiated play. The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of behaviour management, giving examples of how she would deal with unacceptable behaviour. She would also give children lots of praise, talk to them about their feelings and give rewards, such as sticky stars.

The childminder is aware that she is required to build partnerships with other settings children attend to complement the activities provided and support children's learning and development. She demonstrates a strong understanding of the importance of communicating well with parents and explains how she would discuss dietary requirements, children's routines and interests to ensure that she could meet their individual needs. The childminder is committed to future training and has a positive attitude to continued development. She intends to use Ofsted's self-evaluation system to monitor and evaluate her practice in the future.

## **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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