

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 2008 and lives with her child, aged eight years, in a house in Saxmundham, Suffolk. The childminder may care for a maximum of four children under eight years, of whom three may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children on roll. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The setting is within walking distance of local schools, pre-schools and other amenities, such as the library and community activity groups.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion her sound knowledge of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. She understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments along with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate so she is able to respond to and treat minor injuries and accidents.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and documentation, her suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has the required recording systems and documentation available to support children's welfare and meet children's individual needs. The childminder understands how to plan for children's learning and the procedure for observation and assessment is effective to identify learning priorities. She plans a variety of activities, both indoors and outside, which means children enjoy a suitable range of experiences. The premises are child-centred. The playroom is appropriately resourced and the setting provides easy access to the garden so children can make choices in their play.

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnerships with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and the childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. The childminder has a clear set of policies in place to share with parents. She is able to reflect effectively on her practice and the provision for children, demonstrating a sound capacity to improve. She keeps up-to-date with training and is aware of trends and developments in childcare.

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

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met