

## 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 2007. She lives with her three children aged 10, five and one year. They live in Smethwick in the West Midlands. The childminder works with an assistant. The whole ground floor of the premises is used for childminding, this includes access to toilet facilities.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time.

The childminder takes and collects children from local schools and nurseries. 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, that she has a sound awareness of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has procedures to observe and assess what children can do in order to plan the next steps in their learning. She ensures there is a mix of adult-led and child-initiated play that takes place, both indoors, and by exploring the local environment, including visits to parks. Children can take part in art and craft activities, story time and singing, problem solving games, role play and cooking activities.

The childminder explains that she understands her role and responsibility in safeguarding children and is aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a concern. Parents are kept fully informed about how the provision operates and effective policies and procedures are available that explain the childminder's practice, and meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments in place to identify and minimise risks to children, both indoors and on outings. These are combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. The childminder maintains valid public liability insurance and has kept her paediatric first aid training up-to-date.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, her understanding of developing partnerships with parents, carers, and other professionals. Systems are in place to ensure exchanges of information in order to get to know children well and meet their individual needs. She understands how to promote the good health of children and how to develop their understanding of keeping themselves safe. She discusses how she provides children with healthy meals and snacks to meet their individual dietary needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place; , good behaviour is promoted and children are praised and rewarded for their achievements. A fully inclusive environment is promoted and supported with

a policy for equality of opportunity.

The quality improvement processes, such as, self-evaluation and the childminder's commitment and drive to improve, ensure she has an awareness of the strengths of the setting and areas for development. This allows her to implement relevant action plans to improve the service provided. She is keen to attend training in order to update her knowledge and understanding.

## **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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