

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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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 2003. She lives with her husband and son aged nine in Chadderton, Oldham. The whole of the ground floor and two rear bedrooms on the first floor are used for childminding. Toileting facilities are also on the first floor. There is an enclosed garden for outside play and the family have a dog.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children at any one time and is currently minding four children before and after school, term time only. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. At the time of this inspection there were no early years children on roll. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

There are some systems in place to promote the welfare needs of children. Household members have undergone appropriate checks and the childminder has sufficient understanding of child protection issues and how to report these should the need arise. However, she does not have a current first aid certificate; this is a breach of legal requirements. Suitable risk assessments are made by the childminder to minimise the risk of accidents. For instance, she says she locks the wide-opening bedroom window when children play there. Discussions show that the childminder teaches children about how to stay safe. She states that children know not to retrieve balls when they go over the garden fence and to tell her; she also teaches them about road safety. The childminder says she gives only healthy snacks to children to promote their good health, such as vegetable sticks and fresh fruit.

The childminder assesses the effectiveness of the setting and takes steps to make improvements. She has implemented fully the recommendations made at the last inspection, so the capacity to make improvement is demonstrated to ensure that outcomes for children develop positively. Documentation shows that regular fire drills are now undertaken with children, parental consent for applying sun cream is obtained and a log of children's arrival and departure times is kept. The childminder has also improved her sharing of information with parents; she says she now gives them a copy of her safeguarding policy.

The childminder says she is confident in working with parents and teachers to complement children's learning between the settings. Inclusive practice is promoted because the childminder has suitable systems in place to request information about children in order to meet their individual needs. All children have access to a range of toys which provide positive examples of diversity in society. Toys are stored at child height to give them choices and encourage them to make decisions. The childminder says that all children's birthdays are celebrated and she organises leaving parties for individuals so they feel a sense of belonging in her home. The childminder demonstrates she has a sound understanding of the Early

Years Foundation Stage and how to keep development records to show children's progress from their starting points.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- maintain a current paediatric first aid certificate (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare)(also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 31/07/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being care for). 31/07/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 31/07/2012