

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 1992. She lives in a house in a residential area in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is registered for childminding. Access is via one low step into the front door. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time. She is not currently minding children in the early years age group. The childminder offers care to children aged over five years to 16 years. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The childminder drives to local schools to take and collect children. She is a member of the National Childminding Association and an approved childminding network. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

All the essential documentation that promotes the welfare and safety of the children is easily available for inspection. There are clearly written policies and procedures that cover all aspects of practice and the childminder has devised an informative portfolio to share with parents. The childminder is well aware that only adults who have completed the relevant background checks through the Criminal Records Bureau are suitable to work with children. She understands how to promote children's safety and take precautions to prevent accidents. The risk assessment is routinely updated to make sure that the premises are secure and includes the necessary facilities for children and any outings are safe. Public liability insurance is consistently carried and the childminder holds a current first aid certificate, so that she can confidently deal with minor injuries. The childminder has also attended safeguarding training and has obtained up-to-date child protection literature. This gives her a suitable knowledge of the signs and symptoms of possible child abuse and she can act on any child protection issues.

The childminder now continually researches best childcare practice and has completed a formal self-evaluation which identifies priorities for development that will enhance outcomes for children. She strives to improve her childminding service and attends regular training events to develop her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how young children learn. The childminder has addressed the recommendations raised at the last inspection and has also acted on advice following regular visits from her network coordinator.

The childminder is aware that some children may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and understands about the information she needs to gather from parents to ensure that she provides the best possible care. Discussion with the childminder suggests that children are very much valued and respected as individuals. She has books and resources that reflect positive images of diversity so

that children can learn about the differences and similarities between themselves and others.

A fine variety of good quality play materials are available for both indoor and outdoor play and learning experiences. The childminder is able to plan and provide a suitable range of activities and experiences across the six areas of learning, taking the needs of individual children into account. She has developed systems to assess children's achievements and help them progress to the next stage in their learning. The childminder shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way, which promotes the children's welfare and development.

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