

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting	Childminder
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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 1992. She lives with her husband and adult children in Chatham, Kent. The whole basement/ground floor area is used for childminding. There is an internal flight of stairs for children to access the play area.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of four children aged under eight years at any one time; of these, up to three children may be in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder is currently not looking after any early years children. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder is able to explain how she will meet the learning and development requirements. She has sound procedures in place to observe children, assess their individual abilities and plan activities to help them progress. She has addressed a recommendation from her last inspection to ensure the provision of sufficient play materials appropriate to children's age and stage of development. The range of toys and activities available are suitable for a wide age range of children. The childminder also has addressed a recommendation to increase the range of toys showing children positive images of diversity. She has increased the range of books which promote different languages and has a range of dolls with correct racial features. The childminder is experienced in caring for children from a range of different family backgrounds. In particular, she is able to support children who are from different religions. The childminder is able to offer an inclusive service to all children. The childminder has addressed a recommendation to update the existing policies and written information for parents. Her policies have all been updated over the past year. She shares the information verbally with parents. Further recommendations to ensure that all required records and documentation are in place and to improve documentation on administration of medication and recording accidents have been addressed. The childminder has appropriate record books available for children's attendance, recording accidents and medication. The childminder is able to demonstrate a suitable understanding of the medication requirements. The childminder understands the need to complete regular risk assessments on her premises, toys and equipment and can demonstrate how she will do this. The childminder can explain the procedures she has in place to help her work in partnership with parents and others. She has little experience of working with different health professional but explained she is prepared to do so to further support children. She is able to demonstrate through her previous records that she discusses children's individual requirements with their parents. The childminder attends regular safeguarding training to help her improve her knowledge of childcare issues. These help her to evaluate her practice and continually improve her service for children and their parents.

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