



Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection Childcare
Type of care Childminding

ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder has been registered since 2004. She lives with her husband and their child aged 7 years. They live in a house on the outskirts of Wednesbury, close to local shops and schools. All areas of the property downstairs and upstairs bathroom are to be used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden for outdoor play.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. She is registered to care for five children at any one time and is currently minding one child on a full time basis.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a warm, clean home, where they learn the importance of good hygiene and personal care. Children benefit from effective and consistent hygiene procedures.

Children's individual dietary needs are met .The childminder works effectively with parents to meet each child's' individual needs, details of specific dietary needs are recorded.

Children experience good routines to meet individual needs for rest/sleep in line with parents' wishes. Children have regular opportunities to enjoy a broad range of outdoor activities including socialising with their peers outside the home. The childminder recognises physical activity as an important aspect of maintaining children's good health and contributing towards their physical development.

Children benefit from a well written policy that is shared with parents. Children are protected from illness due to effective procedures in place and the childminders good understanding of infectious diseases.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are kept safe within the home and on outings due to the childminder 's good understanding of maintaining effective health and safety methods ,and taking the appropriate safety measures.

Children are supervised well, for example, when sleeping, eating and while playing outdoors.

Children's independence is developed by the provision of a wide range of good quality, age appropriate toys and resources, which the childminder carefully monitors to ensure they are safe, clean, and used appropriately .

Children are well protected because the childminder has a good understanding of child protection procedures and is aware of her role and responsibility to protect children in her care.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children develop their play and learning because the childminder has a good understanding of child development.

Children are provided with a range of interesting activities and experiences which help children acquire new knowledge and skills. Children benefit from regular visits to playgroups, local parks, and shops.

Children benefit from the skilful interaction of the childminder to develop their language skills, by listening and responding appropriately. Children are encouraged to be confident, express themselves, make positive relationships and learn about right and wrong.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children are valued, appreciated as individuals and are treated with equal concern. The childminder is pro active in developing her understanding of equality issues. Children have equal access to resources and the childminder presents an encouraging view of the wider world, although resources reflecting positive images of culture and disability are limited.

Partnership with parents is good and children's records contain the relevant information which enables the children's needs to be well met. Children's care and development are shared with parents through written feedback and daily discussions.

Children behave well and respond to the childminder's clear and consistent expectations about acceptable behaviour. Children are developing self-esteem through constant praise and encouragement for their achievements. They are learning to share, take turns and increase social skills through contact with the wider community.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children's needs are well met through the effective organisation of space and resources; this has a productive impact on their learning and development. The majority of required records and documentation are in place, available for inspection and shared with parents.

Children's welfare, care and learning are promoted through informative written policy and procedure documents. These are discussed, shared with parents and have a positive impact on the care given.

Overall the needs of all children are met.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable .

Complaints since the last inspection

Since 1 April 2004 Ofsted have not received any complaints about this provider

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- Obtain parental permission for children to be taken on outings.
- Increase the range of resources which reflect diversity in today's society

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