



Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Tracey Marie Boland

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 February 2005. She lives with her partner and young child aged five in the Potters Green area of Coventry, within walking distance of a variety of local shops and amenities. The whole of the ground floor is used for minding purposes as well as the first floor bathroom and a bedroom which is used for sleeping babies. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play.

There are no pets.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association and works

with another childminder to provide care.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a clean environment where they learn the importance of good hygiene and personal care. They are aware of the need to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating. The spread of infection is minimised through thorough cleaning, good procedures for food preparation and through reinforcement of daily routines.

Drinks are provided throughout the day. Children are learning about healthy eating through the provision of snacks and freshly prepared meals. Parents are encouraged to share all information regarding specific dietary requirements which are respected.

All medical records are held and shared with parents. Clear policies with regard to health are discussed with parents and children are excluded from the provision with infectious illnesses, to ensure the health of all the children is maintained. Clear procedures are in place for dealing with accidents however, a first aid certificate should be obtained.

Children enjoy a wide range of activities that promote their health, including daily outdoor play. They are able to develop their physical skills through the use of wheeled toys and balls and through daily walks.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in an environment where risks have been identified and addressed with the use of safety equipment. They are able to move around the home independently, using the lounge and kitchen for activities and meal times. Resources are suitably stored in boxes and children access them safely. The childminder is mindful of the ages and abilities of the children and supports children with the choices they make, to ensure suitability.

Through consistent reinforcement children are developing an understanding of safety both in the home and when out. They benefit from direct supervision when playing outdoors.

Children's welfare is protected through the childminder's good understanding of her role and responsibilities with regard to child protection.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are happy and relaxed and settle well into their activities. They benefit from a wide range of resources and activities that promote their development and encourage their social skills. They are learning about shapes, colours and numbers through daily routines and activities. Children are excited when listening to favourite stories and join in enthusiastically. They regularly visit places of interest, for example the city farm, and photographs are displayed to enable discussion between the children and their parents about what they have done.

Parents benefit from time afforded to them, keeping them up to date with progress. They are encouraged to share information about their child's needs and abilities which are recorded and play tailored to meet those needs. Regular assessment records are completed and a daily diary, which contributes to good partnership with parents.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children choose from a good range of resources that reflect our diverse culture and the wider world. Posters, books and toys are freely available and children are learning about different festivals that take place and trying foods from various countries. All children are seen as individuals and their needs integrated into the daily routine.

Children are developing an understanding of sharing and taking turns. through a consistent and caring approach of the adults. Behaviour is excellent. A clear policy is in place and shared with parents, ensuring they too are fully aware of the strategies used throughout the day.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children move freely within the home and choose the activities and resources available to them. Time is spent with parents discussing the care they require and sharing the detailed written policies and procedures with them. Parents are also made aware of the National Standards.

Daily written and verbal discussion ensures that parents are fully informed of their child's progress. All records are stored securely and confidentially.

Overall, the provision meets the needs of the children who attend.

Improvements since the last inspection

This is not applicable, as it is the childminders first inspection.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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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):

- ensure a valid first aid certificate is maintained.

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