



Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Caroline Preston
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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 satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder registered in 2006. She lives in Dagenham, which is in the London borough of Barking and Dagenham. The whole of the premises is used for childminding purposes apart from the master bedroom and large front bedroom and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time and is currently minding one child under five on a part-time basis. The childminder works with another childminder and one assistant. There were no children present at the time of the inspection.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The environment is well maintained clean and child friendly. The childminder shows a clear understanding of promoting healthy food options for example offering children, fruit, vegetables and foods that are nutritious. The childminder is aware that children may have special dietary requirements and is positive in offering food appropriate for them, also working with parents to meet their needs. The childminder shows a sound knowledge of promoting children's health for example; encouraging children to wash their hands before and after eating, after using the toilet and after touching the family cat. The childminder shows she follows appropriate procedures for administration of medication and recording of accidents. Therefore children are being well cared for.

The childminder through discussion showed that she provides children with a varied and stimulating range of physical play activities for example; the use of the well resourced play area including swings, slides, and bikes. Also that children dance to music when inside which promotes their physical skills.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Through discussion the childminder shows that she minimises any safety risks to children both inside and outside. She has done this by maintaining working smoke alarms on both levels of the house, fitting appropriate fire extinguishers, fitting safety gates and ensuring the garden is fully secure. Children have access to a child friendly environment with posters reflecting positive images of different people in society, low level children's coat pegs and play resources that are safe and suitable and age appropriate. The childminder has a good knowledge of child protection, she is aware of different types of abuse, signs and symptoms of abuse and what procedures to follow if she suspects child abuse. Therefore children are kept safe.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder demonstrates that she provides a varied range of play experiences for children that support their development in all areas. Children have access to creative play, role play and construction. The childminder is active in sitting and interacting with children, whilst supporting their choice of play. The childminder praises and encourages children therefore building self-esteem and independence. Children have opportunities to visit the local park which means they learn about the local environment.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder shows through discussion that she is aware of individual children's needs and preferences. She obtains all relevant information about a child from their parents or carers,

therefore meeting children's individual needs. The childminder provides children with a good range of toys that promote cultural awareness, however a limited range promoting people with disabilities. Therefore children do not have toys to play with promoting disabilities.

The childminder demonstrates a positive attitude to caring for children with learning difficulties, however at present has no childminding experience with children with learning difficulties. She has a sound knowledge of managing behaviour and shows she can manage behaviour through a range of strategies including explanation and distraction. The childminder gathers all relevant information from parents about their child; she exchanges information daily and provides parents with a well written prospectus. Therefore demonstrating how she works in partnership with parents.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder organises her childminding well, she effectively meet the needs of the children. All household members have undergone appropriate suitability checks, therefore are safe to be around children. All required documentation and record keeping systems are in place, available for inspection and stored safely. Children are kept safe and their welfare is safeguarded by the childminder's satisfactory understanding of required policies and procedures. Overall the evidence suggest that the provision meet the needs of the children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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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):

- provide a range of toys that promote positive images of disability.

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