



Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Patricia Ann Edward

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

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 2004. She lives with her partner and son aged 19 months in the Morden area in the London borough of Merton. All areas of the property apart from the master bedroom are areas used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of two children at any one time and is currently minding two children under eight part-time, Monday to Wednesday before and after school.

The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. The childminder also attends local parent and toddler groups. The family has a dog.

The childminder supports children with special educational needs.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have access to a sufficient range of activities, that contribute to their good health. They take part in a range of physical activities such as playing outdoors and art and craft opportunities. Children understand the benefits of a healthy diet. They have access to juice and drinking water throughout the day and they are encouraged to try and appreciate healthy meals and snacks.

Children are nurtured in a warm tidy and clean environment, where they learn the importance of hygiene and personal care. They also learn about the importance of good hygiene practice, such as washing hands before meals.

Children are safeguarded by the childminder's knowledge and understanding of first aid, however, details regarding emergency medical treatment is not in place.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have access to most areas of the premises which, are safe, secure and maintained to an appropriate standard. The childminder identifies and minimises risks to children which, allows children to move around safely within the home. However children's safety outside of the home is less secure, and there is no documentation in place to ensure parental consent for outings and transportation.

Children are well supervised throughout the day due to the organisational skills of the childminder. Their welfare is also safeguarded by the childminder's knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures in line with the Local Area Child Protection Committee procedures.

Children have limited opportunities to select activities from a sufficient range of age appropriate toys and equipment, which offer challenge and develop their concentration, imagination and language.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are settled within the childminder's environment and relate well to the childminder and their peers. They have weekly opportunities to extend their social skills, through attendance at local playgroups and drop-ins. Within the home children

have access to a sufficient amount of age appropriate toys and resources that contribute to their enjoyment and learning. However distraction from the television limits children's opportunities to concentrate purposefully in activities provided. They also have limited opportunities to freely access activities that develop their independence.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are valued and respected as individuals. The childminder ensures she meets the children's individual needs by working closely with parents and sharing verbal feedback on a daily basis on their children's developments. Children with special needs benefit from the childminder's knowledge of the Early Years and Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Children are well behaved and are encouraged by the childminder to be aware of the needs of their peers, by sharing, playing together co-operatively and turn taking.

Children have limited access to a range of resources that foster their understanding of diversity. For example, resources that reflect positive images of anti-racist and anti-discriminatory practice.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children are comfortable within the provision and benefit from the childminder's ability to suitably organise the space within her home. There are a number of records in place that ensure the safety and welfare of children. Parents also have access to a multitude of policies and procedures, which the childminder has devised. She shares information regularly with parents regarding developments and daily routines, activities of the children. Overall, the provision meets the needs of the children who attend.

Improvements since the last inspection

This is the providers first inspection since registration.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration 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 consent from parents to seek emergency medical treatment.
- obtain consent from parents for outings and for children to be transported in a vehicle.
- ensure children have access to a range of activities and resources that reflect anti-racist and anti-discriminatory practice.

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