



## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Type of inspection</b>	Childcare
<b>Type of care</b>	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 was registered in July 1997. She lives with her husband and two adult sons in a residential area of East Ham. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children at any one time and is currently minding three children under eight and one older child part-time, and after school. The childminder walks to local schools to collect children. The family has two dogs.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is good.

Children enjoy a broad range of indoor and outdoor activities, which contribute to their good health. Children are cared for in a clean and tidy environment. They use a selection of outdoor activities that include a bouncy castle, real life play, tricycles and see saw.

Through effective daily routines and as a result of the childminder's good role modelling, children learn the importance of good personal hygiene from an early age, such as wearing appropriate clothing when engaging in messy play activities and washing hands after using the toilet.

Children are encouraged to learn about healthy eating through well planned activities, such as planting vegetables in the garden and preparing snacks. They are offered varied and nutritious meals, such as freshly cooked chicken, swede, carrots and potato. The childminder takes account of parent's wishes and children's choices to provide alternatives for children's specific dietary requirements.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is good.

The childminder provides a warm and welcoming setting. Children move freely and comfortably in an environment where the childminder takes appropriate measures to ensure the setting is safe and secure.

Children have easy and safe access to a good range of toys and resources appropriate for their age. Children are gaining an understanding of safety issues within and outside of the home, such as road safety awareness. There is a good balance of planned and self chosen activities. The childminder replenishes children's resources on a regular basis to ensure activities on offer are varied and stimulating for children.

The childminder has a sound understanding of child protection procedures in line with local Area Child Protection Committee Procedures.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is good.

Children are well settled at the childminder's house. They relate well to the childminder and other family members. Children enjoy individual time spent with the childminder, which has enabled them to extend their play by assisting with practical tasks such as preparing snacks and creative activities.

Children explore the natural world through visits to the local park, farm and growing

vegetables. Children's independence is fostered as they happily engage in a good range of self chosen activities. Children take pleasure in the individual time spent with the childminder, as she listens and responds tentatively to their requests.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children learn about the world and the wider community through activities, such as painting hands, receiving gifts for Diwali and participating in decorating the Christmas tree and the setting for the festive season. Children have access to a range of resources that help them appreciate and value each other's differences.

Effective record keeping ensures the childminder meets the needs of all children. Children are well behaved and have a clear understanding of the boundaries. Children are developing their confidence, as they self select play resources independently. Children's progress is shared verbally with parents on a regular basis. Written reports however are not regularly carried out, and are not shared with parents.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

The children are at ease and well settled in their environment, which is organised to meet all their needs. All required documentation to promote children's wellbeing has been obtained. Information regarding children's progress and routine is informally shared with parents. This contributes to the continuity of children's care. The childminder effectively uses the time spent with children to support and extend their learning.

The childminder meets the needs of the range of children for whom she provides.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

All relevant information of accidents are now recorded.

There are now systems in place to record children's background information.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

There are no complaints to report on.

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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):

- develop systems for recording observations, and provide parents with written information about their child's learning and development.

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