

Inspection report for early years provision

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

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder who first registered in 2007, lives in a two bedroom tenth floor flat in Camberwell, South East London. She lives at the property with her husband and young son. Minded children have access to the main living area, bathroom and toilet and bedroom for sleeping. The childminder is registered for two children under eight years old, of whom one may be aged under one year old. She currently has one child on roll. The childminder speaks Czech and some Albanian. There is no garden at the property but the childminder uses local parks and playgroups.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children's good health is well supported because the childminder takes care to provide a clean environment where the children can play and access their toys. Younger children's nappies are regularly changed and the childminder encourages the children to wash their hands before meals and after using the toilet. Children are given lots of attention when tired or unwell and the childminder uses her written procedures for medication well and when appropriate. She

has an up to date first aid certificate and consent for emergency treatment should she need it. Children are offered a healthy and well balanced diet, the childminder prepares food daily and in consultation with the children's parents so that she meets each child's needs. This is further supported because the childminder clearly records children's individual dietary requirements and specific needs when they start. Children's growing bodies are supported through regular trips to local parks and through activities such as dancing which the children eagerly participate in.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are able to play in an environment which is generally safe and suitable for use and hazards which may be present are kept out of children's reach. Some radiators are hot to the touch, however. Accidents, should they occur are suitably recorded and signed by children's parents. Entry to the premises is secure and the childminder supervises the children well inside and when on outings. Aims are securely underpinned by clear policy documents held by the childminder. Children are able to use toys and resources which are of good quality and meet safety standards. They are protected from fire hazards because the childminder has installed smoke alarms and a fire blanket and she has a clear evacuation procedure to evacuate the premises. There are less practised fire drills, however, given the childminder's location on the tenth floor. Children are safeguarded from harm because the childminder understands procedures for observing and recording any concerns about the children in her care and sharing information if necessary.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children benefit from being with a childminder who is calm and caring and they settle well as a result. Clear settling in procedures and observational records allow children to get to know the childminder and her son and to separate from their main carer well. They enjoy the clear routine provided and become involved in a good range of well planned activities including dancing, story times, completing puzzles, art and craft and pretend play. Children enjoy being involved in making home made biscuits and they listen well whilst the childminder reads their favourite Thomas book, for example. They particularly enjoy looking at and talking about the London skyline seen from the childminder's tenth floor windows. Children's artwork is displayed to give them pride in their work and they are able to choose from a range of age appropriate resources. Children's play is supplemented through trips to local playgroups and to the park to enable them to benefit from regular fresh air and physical play.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children's individual needs and personalities are supported well and they are welcomed into the childminder's home. The childminder, who speaks English, Czechoslovakian and some Albanian has a good selection of multi lingual and culturally reflective books to support children's understanding of difference and their positive self image. Children settle well because the childminder observes and records their progress and talks to their parents about their individual needs and routines so that she can provide continuous care when they are away from home. Children behave well when with the childminder because she is calm and approachable and sets clear boundaries to help the children understand right from wrong. Parents are fully informed

of all policies and procedures and regular discussions inform them of their children's milestones and progress in learning.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

The childminder is well organised and demonstrates a clear commitment to providing and nurturing children's care, learning and welfare. She clearly supervises children well and welcomes them into her home. A clear routine in place discussed with children's parents helps the children to settle and have times to play, rest and visit places nearby. The childminder is suitably trained and has an up to date first aid certificate to support her work. Particularly well organised and clear policies and procedures in place underpin the childminder's aim in meeting The National Standards and are shared with the children's parents. All documentation required is in place including clear details about the children and records of their attendance. Overall, the childminder meets the needs of the children for whom she cares.

Improvements since the last inspection

N/A. This is the childminder's first inspection

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration there have been no complaints made to Ofsted which required the childminder to take 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):

- ensure radiators are kept at a suitable temperature and complete regular fire drills to ensure safe evacuation from the building

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