



## 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 satisfactory. 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 10th May 1993. She is registered to provide care for five children under eight years, of these, not more than three may be under five years, and of these, not more than one may be under one year. At present, the childminder cares for no children.

The childminder lives with her husband and two children aged 14 and 19 years.

They live in a house in a residential area close to local amenities. The whole of the ground floor is used for minding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for

outside play.

It is a non-smoking environment. The family have no pets.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. Overnight care is not provided

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children stay healthy as the CM encourages the children to wash their hands and stay clean. Their knowledge in this area is increased because she talks to them about keeping themselves looking clean and tidy. Children enjoy healthy and nutritious snacks/meals prepared by the CM. The CM takes children's dietary and religious needs into account when preparing the children's food. Children's allergies are kept in mind when cooking for them. Fresh drinking water is available to the children at all times.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children play within a spacious and clean environment. The surroundings are quite safe and secure for the children to move around in freely. There are lots of toys at the CM premises for the children she minds and the toys available to the children are safe for them to play with and conform to British standards. Children are kept safe whilst at the premises as the CM supervises them constantly. When the children go on outings, the CM ensures they are kept safe by using safe travel methods such as a pushchair and older children holding on to the pushchair. The CM has an understanding of child protection issues and is constantly aware for the children's safety in this area.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children enjoy reading together with the CM and have access to a range of books. Although there are a range of toys available for children, they are not all in the main play room. As a result, children only have access to the toys that the CM puts out for them at the beginning of the day. Therefore children's choice of which toys and resources they want to use is limited. Children's learning is directed by the CM who sets theme days and activities related to that theme for that particular day. Children attend a variety of different playgroups during the week as the CM is part of a childminding network. This gives children the opportunity to integrate with other children their own age. Babies are encouraged to join in with activities that older children are taking part in.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children learn to respect other religions and cultures as the CM discusses these with the children. Children have an understanding of disabilities they see around them as the CM has introduced them to a range of dolls displaying disabilities. Children are learning to share and get along with one another as the CM affirms ground rules to them regularly. As a result, the children are beginning to respect one another. Children's progress and learning is shared with parents as the CM tells the parents about the topics she is teaching the children each week. Parents are encouraged to continue discussing this topic at home with the children. As a result, the cm sustains a working relationship with parents and continuity for children's development.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder meets the needs of the children in her care. The CM attends regular training to update her knowledge every so often in the area of childminding. The space used for minding the children is organised so that there is maximum room for children to take part in games activities. Toys are set out with children's safety in mind. Parents are able to see the CM's policies and procedures to be followed in the event of certain emergencies. All required documentation is up to date and available.

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

Not applicable

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

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection. 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):

- Make the range of toys and resources accessible to children, allowing them to choose what they play with during the day.

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