

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 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 November 2003 and is registered to care for four children under eight years. She currently has one child on roll, however there were no children present at the time of inspection. She lives with her husband and three children two of whom are under eight years, they live in the Feltham area.

The whole of the childminder's house is available for childminding with the main play area being on the ground floor. There is fully enclosed garden for outside play, however children do not have access to the part of the garden where the greenhouse is situated. The childminder is able to walk to the local school, to take and collect children.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

From discussion the childminder indicates that she will provide children with a range of nutritious foods and snacks with the occasional treat. She states that children will have regular access to drinks to ensure that they do not become dehydrated. Records show that the childminder

gathers information about children's individual dietary needs in order for her to provide safe and suitable food in line with their parents wishes.

The home is clean warm and light and well organised, the childminder states this is because she has regular cleaning routines. She understands this minimises the spread of infection. She states that she provides separate hand towels for each child to limit cross infection and encourages good hygiene routines such as washing hands after going to the toilet.

Documentation is in place which ensures that the childminder can take the appropriate action when they are ill. Through discussion and documentation the childminder is able to show that she has appropriate procedures in place to ensure the safe administration of medication. A sick child policy is in place and it is evident through discussion that the childminder follows the procedures to ensure that all children's good health is protected.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder has taken actions to ensure that most risks in and outside her home have been minimised, for example she has fenced off poisonous plants in her garden. There is adequate space available so that children can move around independently. Play resources are organised in a manner which helps to promote children's free choice. However some are not well maintained.

The childminder explains how she helps children to learn about their own safety through discussion about fire evacuation and road safety, however the fire evacuation procedure has not been practised with children so cannot be proved to be wholly effective.

The childminder verbally demonstrated a satisfactory understanding of child protection. Parents are informed of her duty to report any concerns in line with local safeguarding procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder is able to show through discussion she has adequate knowledge of child development. She knows the importance of talking and listening to children and describes a basic range of activities in order to keep children occupied and stimulated. These include visit to toddler groups and to friends in order for children to learn to socialise take turns and make friends. The childminder evidences that she has arts and crafts equipment in order to allow children to explore their creativity, for example, creating pictures through sticking and gluing and allowing them to manipulate and explore dough. She explains how she cuddles children and provides routines to make them feel secure. The childminder explains she reads stories to them and chats to them to help them, learn new words colours and to develop their language. She knows the importance of making them feel good about themselves through praise and encouragement.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder showed a adequate knowledge of behaviour management, giving appropriate examples of how she would deal with a variety of situations for children of different ages. She aims to provide an inclusive environment where all children feel valued and are able to take part in activities of their choosing.

Documentation shows that she has gathered information from parents about the children individual needs in order to meet their care needs, these include their dietary, cultural and religious requirements. Children receive positive images of themselves and other cultures as the childminder has a range of multicultural resources these include puzzles books and dolls.

The childminder explains she keeps parents well informed about their child's development through a verbal hand over at the end of the day. She has secured consents for the such things as emergency medical care and states she shares all documentation with parents. She explains she provides parents with the details of the complaints procedure and the contact details of Ofsted should they wish to make a complaint.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder is able to evidence she has the appropriate experience and training for her role as childminder. She provides evidence of all documentation required by regulation and these are maintained effectively. She has evidenced that all adults living in the household are sufficiently vetted and therefore children are protected. She keeps Ofsted aware of significant changes. For example, she recently moved house and informed Ofsted of her change of address in order that the premises could be checked. She has a range of policies which she states she shares with parents so that they know what underpins her practice. All records are kept in a confidential manner and shared with parents.

Overall, evidence suggests that the provision meets the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

At last inspection the childminder was required to make the garden safe. She has since moved premises and therefore this recommendation is no longer required. However she shows an awareness and has made safe the garden at the new premises in order to ensure children's safety.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since the last inspection 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):

- ensure that all toys are in good condition and appropriate for the ages and stage of children minded
- ensure that the emergency escape plan is effective and practiced with children

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