

Inspection report for early years provision

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**Unique Reference Number** EY363585  
**Inspection date** 04 June 2008  
**Inspector** Chris Mackinnon

**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 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 2007. She lives with her two children aged four and five years in the Elm Grove area of Brighton & Hove. The lounge and one upstairs room are used for childminding and there is a secure garden available for outside play. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years and is currently caring for two minded children after school. The childminder makes regular outings to local parks and play centres.

### THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

#### Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

The childminder's hygiene practices are well organised and children are encouraged to be clean and tidy. A good range of healthy meals and snacks are provided and individual children's dietary needs are considered. Many active games and physical activities are also provided to promote children's physical development. The childminder works closely with parents to support individual children's health and care needs. The childminder also keeps clear and accessible records of children's accidents and medication.

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

The provision is good.

Children are well supervised by the childminder and effectively guided to use and explore play resources safely. A well organised range of safety measures are in place and children have access to safe and well prepared play areas within the childminder's home. The childminder provides a good and varied range of play resources for children, including books, role-play resources and a wide selection of art-craft and creative materials. The childminder has attended training and has an effective awareness of the need to safeguard children.

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

The provision is good.

Children explore resources and play happily in an inviting and colourful play environment. Children have fun and enjoy many challenging activities, including many creative art-crafts activities and much role-play. The childminder takes an active part in encouraging children's learning about colours, shapes and sizes and children's language and interest in books is well supported. Children's physical development is also effectively encouraged, with frequent outdoor play and regular outings. The childminder is a confident and well organised carer and successfully supports children's achievement.

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

The provision is good.

Children are relaxed and enjoy being with the childminder. Children play happily together and learn to share and take turns. Children demonstrate independence and can plan and develop their own activities with the childminder. The childminder has attended equality's training and an effective range of resources are in place to support children's awareness of other cultures. Parents are consistently provided with clear information on their children's development. The childminder has well organised written agreements with parents, but the information provided for parents on children's activities and the organisation of the childminding is limited.

## **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

The childminder provides a stimulating and well planned range of play and learning activities for children. Children enjoy many games and have fun in well prepared play areas within the childminder's home. A wide and varied range of play resources are also provided to successfully support children's development and learning progress. The childminder's record keeping is well organised and up-to-date. The childminder is a confident carer and has attended several training courses to support her practice. The childminder meets the needs of the range of children for whom she provides.

## **Improvements since the last inspection**

Not applicable

## **Complaints since the last inspection**

Since registration 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):

- develop the written information provided for parents on the range of children's activities and organisation of the childminding

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