

Inspection report for early years provision

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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 outstanding. 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 husband and two daughters aged 11 and 15 in Upminster in the London borough of Havering. 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 six children at any one time and is currently minding one child under five all day. The family has a pet dog, two rabbits and an ornamental fish pond in the garden which contains a number of fish.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is outstanding.

Children have excellent opportunities to develop their physical skills. They have access to play resources both inside and outside; these include small cars, balls and other outdoor toys. Children have excellent opportunities whilst out on trips. Many recent photographs show children, climbing over and under, walking along, swinging and walking on different textured surfaces. Children have their specific medical needs met very well, as the childminder skilfully administers medication and records this accurately after consultation and permission from

parents. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate and maintains a fully stocked first aid box, written permission from parents requesting urgent medical treatment if needed has been sought by the childminder and kept within children's records. Children are protected from infection as the childminder, maintains a very clean home, she wears disposable gloves when changing nappies and wipes down the changing mat appropriately. Children learn to wash their hands and develop an understanding of the importance of hygiene. Family pets are kept clean, their food and any mess is not accessible to children.

Children currently bring in a packed lunch, which have been the wishes of parents. The childminder records all that children eat, the amounts and if they liked their food, this information is given to parents. All dietary and religious requirements are recorded in detail and followed by the childminder in order to meet the needs of the child.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is outstanding.

There are very good systems in place to ensure children's safety. These include very detailed dated written risk assessments of all areas inside and outside the home. There are very detailed risk assessments carried out when children are taken on trips, for example to the zoo. This supports the care of children. Within the home, safety precautions includes working smoke alarms, a fire blanket, socket covers, safety gates, protected safety glass cover, current public liability and no access for intruders. The childminder has a good understanding of child protection issues, she is aware of the different types of abuse, possible signs and symptoms and has developed a comprehensive policy which supports children's safety.

Children are cared for in a very warm, child centred home, which is bright, clean and well maintained. Children play and use the large play space in the front room, surrounded by very good play resources appropriate for their age and development. These are stored in brightly coloured boxes, all low level, toys include around the world box, dressing up clothes, play figures, arts and crafts, books, dolls, play houses, garages, cars and programmable toys.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is outstanding.

Children have excellent opportunities to learn and develop. Many photographs show the varied range of play opportunities children have. Daily written routines allow children to play outside and visit many different play groups and children are taken on interesting trips, like to the zoo. Written detailed observation shows the children's development stages and what they have achieved. Very good relationships have been developed between the childminder and the children, she shows she has a excellent understanding of each child's needs and development. Very good interaction supports children's learning and language development.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is outstanding.

Children have very good opportunities to learn about diversity through an excellent range of play resources and having their individual needs met very well. Play resources include an around the world toy box containing different musical cultural instruments, hats and animals from around the world. Children also play with small dolls dressed in traditional costumes from around the world, have access to books and play people promoting disabilities. Children's own culture

is promoted because they bring to the childminder's house home made cultural food to eat. The childminder has undertaken sign language training to support children with their communication.

Very good systems are in place to support children with learning difficulties, this supports their self-esteem and development. Children behave well and learn the written house rules. These include; taking shoes off, no running, kind hands, kind feet, speak nicely to each other, no calling one another names, look after all the toys and equipment, be nice to the pets, no throwing things, no standing on furniture, no pulling or pushing each other. Partnership with parents is excellent as very good communication ensures children's needs are met. Parents are given well written comprehensive policies and procedures, and a daily diary is completed, information about the setting and a parents' board displays information. Parents sit with the childminder at the end of the day and talk, building very strong professional relationships. Parents have written very good comments about the service they receive and state how happy their children are.

Organisation

The organisation is outstanding.

The organisation of the childminding is excellent. Children are cared for very well and offered very good opportunities to learn and develop. Space and play resources are planned well, so that children get the maximum benefit from each day. The childminder is enthusiastic and dedicated to offering children outstanding care, the atmosphere within the childminder's home is very positive towards childminding. Photographs show the varied experiences children have, detailed observations clearly show the childminder's understanding of child development and the progress of the children. All household members have undergone suitability checks, ratios are maintained and children are supervised well. Her organisation of documentation is outstanding; all are clear accurate, and confidential. The childminder is currently undertaking a Level 3 qualification in Childcare, therefore is developing her skills and knowledge, which benefit the children. 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

No recommendations for improvement are made because the quality and standards of care are outstanding.

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