

Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Inspector</b>	Anne Daly
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<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.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. Ofsted judges that the provider remains suitable to provide care.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 2004. She lives with her husband and two children, aged four and two years, in Dagenham, Essex. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children at any one time, but has not cared for any children under eight years since registration.

When a provider does not have children on roll at the time of the inspection, inspection judgements are based on evidence gathered from discussions with the provider and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation.

As there are no children on roll, the quality of the provision cannot be judged better than satisfactory because there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children.

## THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

### Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder has a sound understanding of suitable procedures to:

- \* promote children's good health by ensuring that positive steps are taken to prevent the spread of infection and that appropriate measures are put in place when children are ill. (National Standard 7: Health)
- \* ensure that food and drink for children is adequate, properly prepared, nutritious and complying with dietary and religious requirements. (National Standard 8: Food and drink)

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

The provision is satisfactory.

- \* The premises are safe and secure, with the necessary facilities for children. The childminder demonstrates an awareness of how to ensure that the environment is made welcoming for children. (National Standard 4: Physical environment)
- \* The furniture, equipment and toys are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. (National Standard 5: Equipment)
- \* The childminder has some understanding of how to promote children's safety and to take precautions to prevent accidents, for example, utilising a safety gate to prevent children having unsupervised access to the upstairs accommodation. However, insufficient steps have been taken to minimise all potential hazards when children are moving around the home and garden, for example, from the kitchen beaded curtain and from accessible garden equipment. The childminder has provided a ground floor smoke alarm, but potentially the welfare of children is not being fully safeguarded as there is no first floor smoke alarm. (National Standard 6: Safety)
- \* The childminder has a sound knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board and is aware of her responsibility to protect the welfare of children. (National Standard 13: Child Protection)

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

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder has a satisfactory knowledge of how individual children develop and learn. (National Standard 3: Care, learning and play)

### Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder:

- \* has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. (National Standard 9: Equal Opportunities)

\* is aware that some children may have learning difficulties and/or disabilities and understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and with other professionals to promote the welfare and development of children. (National Standard 10: Special Needs)

\* shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way to promote their welfare and development. (National Standard 11: Behaviour)

\* has a satisfactory understanding of the need to develop a strong partnership with parents and to consider their differing needs. (National Standard 12: Working in partnership with parents and carers)

## **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

\* The childminder has not maintained her first aid qualification to ensure that the welfare of children is not being compromised if they should have an accident. This is not compliant with National Standard 1 (supporting criteria 1.5). However, she is aware of her duty to ensure that other people living or working on the premises are suitable to be in contact with children. (National Standard 1: Suitable person)

\* The childminder understands the importance of working within the constraints of the condition of registration relating to the number of children and of organising space and resources to best meet the needs of children (National Standard 2: Organisation)

\* The childminder has a sound awareness of when Ofsted should be notified about significant events or changes, of the records to be kept and of the importance of them. (National Standard 14: Documentation)

## **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):

- complete a first aid course which includes training in first aid for infants and young children
- take reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children on the premises are minimised (this refers to the garden and the kitchen beaded curtain)
- provide a smoke alarm on the first floor complying to a BS EN safety standard.

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