

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspection date	20/10/2009
Inspector	Arda Halls
Type of setting	Childminder

Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 2008. She lives with her three children aged 18, 14 and nine years in Queen's Park in the City of Westminster. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. There is a secure enclosed garden for outside play and children are regularly taken to the local park. The childminder is registered on the Early years, compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of six children at any one time. There are currently no children under eight on roll. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. The childminder attends the local drop in groups and is a member of a local childminder support group. There are two cats as family pets. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how children learn and how they develop. She has taken the introductory course in childminding as well as paediatric first aid training. She has developed systems to evaluate her childminding service and to identify strengths and weaknesses which gives a clear picture of how to make improvements. She observes children, records their development and therefore is able to plan for their individual needs.

The childminder has a good understanding of the importance of working in partnership with parents and other agencies to meet the needs of children. She demonstrates through discussion how parents have been involved in their children's care and learning. She explains how parents are kept well informed of their children's progress. She ensures that all children feel valued, included and are cared for in a welcoming environment.

The childminder demonstrates a good awareness of how to keep children safe. She maintains her fire safety equipment such as fire blanket and smoke detector to a good standard. She conducts frequent risk assessments both indoors and out and ensures that the garden is appropriately maintained to ensure a safe play space is available.

Children are safeguarded positively due to the childminder's understanding of safeguarding issues which is well developed. She knows the action to take should she have concerns about children and is aware of the role of Ofsted. She has up-to-date training in recognising signs and symptoms of abuse and is confident in her understanding of what to do if an allegation of abuse is made. She holds an up-to-date first aid certificate and confidently describes key emergency procedures. All required systems are in place to ensure information about children's health, safety and welfare are appropriately recorded.

Good quality play equipment is provided to support children's learning and development. Toys and resources are made easily accessible to ensure children of all ages have choice in their exploration and play. Children are encouraged to learn about a healthy lifestyle by having regular outdoor play and frequent excursions to places of interest. Children have ample opportunities to exercise both at home and

in larger outdoor spaces. Overall the childminder demonstrates an understanding of how to provide an effective and safe setting for the children in her care.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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