

Inspection report for early years provision

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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*.

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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.

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Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 1987. She lives with her husband, two adult children and one lodger in Willesden, in the London borough of Brent. The property is situated close to shops, parks and schools. All areas of the property except for the second floor are included in the registration. There is a fully enclosed rear garden available for outdoor play. The family have a cat and a dog.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. The registration is for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time including three children in the early years age group. The childminder currently has no children on roll in the early years age range. Overnight care is not provided. The childminder's daughter sometimes works alongside the childminder as an assistant.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association (NCMA).

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder is meeting the requirements of registration and has systems in place to promote children's welfare, learning and development. She is not currently caring for children in the early years age group however she has a sound knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. Documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the setting is in place and generally organised well. For example, the childminder has a varied range of records available including informative policies and procedures which are shared with parents. The childminder has a secure knowledge of child development and understands how individual children develop and learn. She has observation, assessment and planning systems in place to ensure children make progress in their learning. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of working in close partnership with parents and others to meet the individual needs of children. She understands the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern, and understands the need to provide an inclusive and safe environment.

The premises are safe and secure and the childminder demonstrates an awareness of how to ensure the environment is made welcoming to children. The furniture, equipment and toys are appropriate for the needs of children. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and to take precautions to protect children through identifying and minimising potential hazards to prevent accidents and to keep children safe. For example, detailed risk assessment records are maintained. She is aware of her responsibility to protect the welfare of the child and has a secure knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children. For example, she has attended appropriate training and has a safeguarding policy in place which details the procedures she would follow if she did have a concern.

The childminder is overall aware of her key strengths and the areas requiring further development. She has successfully addressed the previous actions set which has improved outcomes for children. The childminder is aware of the need

for continuous professional development and has attended some short courses and workshops to increase her knowledge and to keep up-to-date with current childcare practices. She plans to implement a system of self-evaluation to more closely monitor her practice to ensure continued improvement.

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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