

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 has been registered since September 2000. She lives with her husband and three children; two of whom are adults and one aged 10 years. They live in Tooting, in the London Borough of Wandsworth within a short walking distance from the tube station, shops and common. Areas used for childminding are the downstairs rooms and the toilet and bathroom on the first floor. There is a fully enclosed rear garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to provide care for three children under eight years; of these, not more than one may be under one year. The childminder currently has no children on roll. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has obtained a copy of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework document and with advice and support from a local Early Years Development officer she is taking steps to extend and further develop her knowledge and understanding of the steps and stages for learning through training courses. The childminder is aware of, and meets, the welfare requirements.

The childminder has obtained appropriate documents to use to record accidents, incidents and medication which she will use when childminding commences. She has copies of appropriate contract documents held in readiness for childminding including forms to ask parents for permissions, which include permission for emergency medical treatment or advice if there is a need. The childminder has updated her knowledge of first aid through attendance at a relevant training course.

The childminder has conducted a risk assessment of her home and she has taken steps to make improvements. For example, she has socket covers in place and she has a safety gate ready to use to prevent children from accessing the staircase unattended. The childminder has policy and procedure documents in place although some are rather brief and have not yet been personalised. These include her approach to equal opportunities, lost children, uncollected children and behaviour management. The childminder has obtained a copy of the local area safeguarding and protecting children handbook, and she is aware of the steps she must take if she has concerns for the welfare of children in her care.

The childminder has installed smoke alarms in her home and she has a fire blanket fixed in place in her kitchen for easy access in an emergency. She has a written plan for a fire evacuation routine. The childminder has extended her range of toys and resources which are suitable and stored for children to access them easily.

The childminder has evaluated her work with children. She has enrolled on a range of courses to extend her knowledge and understanding of developments in

childminding work. She holds appropriate information about complaints and other matters in readiness to share with parents.

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

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