

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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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 2001. She lives with her 14 year old daughter in Stratford in the London Borough of Newham. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding purposes. This includes a playroom and the lounge. There is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is able to drive to the local schools to take and collect children.

The childminder is registered for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time. Of these, there may be 3 in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There are no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates sound understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and how to proceed if she has concerns about a child in her care. She understands how to promote children's safety and explains how she carries out visual checks to identify potential hazards. The childminder is aware of the requirement to keep and maintain regular risk assessments to identify and address potential hazards when caring for children. There are necessary facilities for children; a satisfactory range of resources and toys are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of the records to be kept and importance of these. She demonstrates sufficient understanding of appropriate procedures to promote children's good health by ensuring that daily routines are put in place to minimise the risk of cross infection. She explains how she intends to use simple explanation to help children understand the importance of good personal hygiene. The childminder describes the types of meals that she intends to provide for children, which includes variety of nutritious foods that caters for children's dietary requirements.

The childminder has a clear understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is because she has attended a number of training courses to learn new skills and keep up to date with changes to improve her practice for children. For example, the childminder recently attended a refresher course in first aid. She has also completed training in child protection; food hygiene; and some aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The childminder is keen to further develop her knowledge of childcare and plans to continue making links with the local authority to help improve the provision for children. The childminder demonstrates sufficient understanding of how children learn and the procedures to monitor and assess children's achievements in order to help them progress in their learning and development. She has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating children with equal respect and intends to help children develop positive attitudes to others. The childminder understand the importance of working in partnership with parents and other professionals to promote the welfare and development of the child.

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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