

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 2006. She lives in a two bedroom first floor flat with her husband and two sons aged 16 and 17 years of age in the Walthamstow area of the London borough of Waltham Forest. The whole of the premises is used for childminding purposes.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time, of these, no more than two may be in the early years age range. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is not presently caring for any children in the early years age range. The childminder has no pets. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates some understanding of identifying abuse and what to do in the event if she suspects a child is at risk. This allows her to take the necessary steps required to protect children from any harm. She has fire equipment in place and she has completed an appropriate first aid course. Although she has carried out an informal risk assessment of her premises, she has not recorded when or by whom it was done and this is a breach of a requirement. The childminder has a clear understanding of the procedures to inform parents of the need to obtain written permission for the administration of medicines and for dealing with accidents and incidents.

The childminder has a positive approach to the management of behaviour. She demonstrates the use of appropriate sanctions to manage children's behaviour to help them respect each other and to take turns and to share. The childminder values inclusive practice and demonstrates that all children are given equal attention and their differences valued. The childminder has systems in place for ensuring that she gains all the required information about children. She has relevant documentation to seek parental consent for outings, to seek emergency treatment and for children's attendance. Recognition is given to establishing an effective system for the exchange of information with parents to provide continuity of care and to provide daily feedback on children's daily routines. The childminder demonstrates an awareness of how to deal with complaints made by parents.

The childminder has a limited awareness of the different areas of learning at present. She has an insufficient understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and guidance for learning and development to enable her to fully promote children's overall well-being and learning.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- improve knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to provide children with an educational programme that will enable them to make good progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning (Learning and Development) 30/09/2010
- maintain a record of risk assessments of the premises, which must include aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and when and by whom they have been checked (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) 31/07/2010

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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