



Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection	Childcare
Type of care	Childminding

ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The Childminder registered in July 2005. The childminder holds a NVQ level 2 certificate in childcare. She lives with her mother and 16 year old brother in Clapton in the London Borough of Hackney. The areas of the childminder's home available to minded children are the living room, the childminder's bedroom, kitchen and toilet. There is fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is available to collect children from the local primary school and attends the toy library.

The childminder is registered to care for 3 children under 8 years old. There are currently 4 children under 8 years on roll. However, the childminder only cares for 2

children at any one time.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminders Association.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are protected well from infection by the childminder having satisfactory accident and medication procedures in place. Children are cared for in a well maintained home because the childminder has a good daily cleaning routine in place.

Children are developing a good understanding about personal hygiene because the childminder encourage them to wash their hands. The childminder maintains a good standard of hygiene in the home and follows basic hygiene procedures when preparing food.

Children benefit from a healthy diet, they are given healthy balanced meals. Children are offered drinks at regular intervals. The childminder works in partnership with parents to provide children with healthy diet which takes their individual needs into account.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a well organised home in which a wide range of resources are easily accessible to them. Children have ample space available to allow them and move about confidently and independently. Children have good opportunity to rest comfortably because the childminder provides suitable sleeping facilities. Children are generally well protected from potential hazards. However, the childminder has not ensured that the cupboard used to store alcohol is inaccessible to children.

Children are protected from harm because the childminder has a clear understanding of how to put child protection procedures into practice in line with the London Child protection guidance.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are offered a wide range of activities to help them to progress in all areas of their development. They have opportunities to make decisions about what they want to play with. The childminder ensures that resources are easily accessible to children.

Children are encouraged to develop good language skills, they have opportunities to share their experience, such as talking about what happened at school. The are also

given opportunities to read and participate in re-telling stories.

Children are learning to count and to recognise numbers, for example whilst walking on the stairs the childminder encourages children to count the numbers of stairs. Children are also encouraged to recognise the numbers on cars and buses.

The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of Birth to three matters. She demonstrate that she would meet the needs of under 3's by providing them with good care and attention. Children have opportunities to play with a range of stimulating activities, which are planned in accordance with their individual interests.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are encouraged to develop a positive attitude to others because they are encouraged to develop an understanding of other cultures and religions. Children have access to a satisfactory range of resources that reflect diversity.

Children are encouraged to develop an understanding of right and wrong, because the childminder use appropriate methods to manage children's behaviour which are in line with good practice.

Relationships between the childminder and parents is good. The childminder provide parents with daily feedback of the events of the day and shares any relevant details of the child's progress. There is a good complaints procedure in place.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder provides a well organised home where children are cared for securely. Children have access to a well planned play environment which supports their confidence and independence. Most records, policies and procedures are in place and are stored in a safe place. However, one member of the household has not undergone vetting. The childminder has not ensured that children's records of attendance is kept updated, insufficient details are kept for some children. The childminder has not obtained written parental consent to seek emergency medical treatment. There are satisfactory systems in place to inform parents about their child's daily needs, routine and activities. These contribute to continuity in the children's care. The childminder meets the needs of the range of children for whom she provides care.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since registration

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure that all household members undergo criminal record bureau checks
- maintain up to date written documentation of the daily attendance register with all required details of arrival and departure times, keep the required details for all children and obtain written parental consent to seek emergency medical treatment for children
- ensure that the cupboard which is used to store alcohol is inaccessible to children

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