



## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Type of inspection</b>	Childcare
<b>Type of care</b>	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 good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives with her husband and 2 year old daughter. They live in a three bed roomed house in Morden within walking distance of local shops and parks.

The whole of the ground floor and bathroom on first floor will be used for childminding. There is a lounge, kitchen/dining room and hall on ground floor. The bathroom is located on the first floor.

There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The family have pet gold fish.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a clean and well organised home. They learn about the importance of good hygiene and are encouraged to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet.

Children benefit from well planned varied meals that ensure their dietary needs are met throughout the day.

Children enjoy a good range of activities in the garden which contributes to their good health. Each day there are outdoor activities to help them develop control of their bodies, for example as they jump on the trampoline, climb on the climbing frame and throw balls.

Children are confident to try new skills, set their own limits and know when to ask for help through provision of appropriate activities and good levels of support from the childminder.

The childminder keeps clear and accurate records, for example any medication that needs to be given, which ensures that children's health needs are met and information can be effectively shared with parents.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

The children are cared for in a spacious home where risks are identified and minimised. However some trailing wires are accessible to children.

Children able to play freely around the home and garden. They independently choose activities from a wide range of good quality, safe toys and play materials. The childminder carefully monitors and supervises children's choice of toys to make sure they are safe and appropriate for their age and stage of development.

The childminder has all the required procedures and documents in place to ensure children's welfare is safeguarded and promoted. For example, the childminder holds a current first aid certificate and has a secure understanding of child protection procedures in line with local Area Child Protection Committee procedures.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is good.

Children settled well and happy at childminder's house. They relate well to the

childminder because she encourages and gives praise enabling confidence to grow. Children learn to socialise, through regular attendance at local drop-in and other play centres. Children take part in a good variety of interesting age appropriate activities, choosing toys and play materials independently that contribute to their enjoyment and of learning. They show pleasure when playing with different play materials. The childminder promotes their learning by talking to children about what they are doing.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is good.

Children are valued and their individual needs are met because the childminder spends time getting to know the children well. She works closely with parents which ensures children experience consistent care. Children behave well and show increasing independence for instance when they choose toys and play materials. Children have access to the full range of activities offered and the childminder makes sure resources are available that promote positive view of the wider community. Childminder has a written policy for children with special needs and works closely with parents and other agencies.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

Children are comfortable and secure in the well organised environment, which helps them gain confidence and be independent. The indoor and outdoor environment is laid out to make the most of the available space for children's play opportunities. The childminder keeps all of the required records that contribute to children's health, safety and well-being. She regularly shares them with parents, which keeps them well informed about the care that is provided. Overall the provision meets the needs of the children who attend.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

This was the first inspection since registration.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

There are no complaints to report.

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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 electrical wires are made safe and inaccessible to children

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