



## Inspection report for early years provision

<b>Unique Reference Number</b>	136816
<b>Inspection date</b>	14 March 2006
<b>Inspector</b>	Claire Jean Douglas
<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*

For more information about early years inspections, please see the booklet *Are you ready for your inspection?* which is available from Ofsted's website: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

## 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 outstanding. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder has been registered since 1995. She lives with her husband and two children ages 10 and 14 years. They live in a house, situated in a residential road in West Wickham. Within walking distance of local shops, library and parks. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding, with one room designated as a playroom. The upstairs is available for toileting and sleeping purposes and use of the computer. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is a qualified Nursery Nurse, a member of the National childminders association, Bromley childminders association committee and a member of the Bromley special needs network. She is registered to care for a maximum of 6 children under 8 years and is currently minding 5 children all of whom attend on a part-time basis.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

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

The provision is outstanding.

Children are exceptionally well protected from the risk of cross infection as the childminder follows very rigid hygiene practices and ensures that her home is clean and tidy at all times. Children's health is protected because the childminder keeps meticulous records and follows comprehensive procedures if children are unwell.

Children enjoy taking part in an extensive range of stimulating physical activities both indoors and outdoors, which positively contributes to their good health and encourages them to develop a healthy lifestyle. Children benefit from opportunities to learn new skills such as pedalling bikes, rolling and throwing balls and manoeuvring wheeled vehicles. Children thrive due to an excellent balance of a healthy diet and exercise. A varied range of meals and snacks encourage children to prepare and try new foods and subsequently widen their tastes. Children are actively encouraged to think about their personal needs as they are able to access fresh drinking water at all times. A comprehensive menu takes into account all children's individual dietary requirements and information is readily on hand as how to deal with allergies to foodstuffs such as peanuts.

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

The provision is outstanding.

The premises are safe and secure for their purpose and children have good space to play in a very welcoming and appropriate location. Children are protected exceptionally well from risk of accidental injury which means they can move freely and safely around the setting enabling their overall independence. This is because the childminder gives top priority to ensure that effective risk assessments are routinely completed. Children know how to keep themselves safe through an excellent range of activities which include general health and safety aspects; such as, using equipment safely and road safety. Children are kept safe during outings as the childminder follows effective procedures and uses appropriate well maintained equipment.

Children can choose from an extensive range of quality play materials that are in excellent condition. Furniture, equipment and toys are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment. Child sized furniture and easy access to toys enable children to feel welcome and secure.

Children's welfare is well protected because the childminder has a thorough understanding of her role within child protection. Robust policies and procedures and successful relationships with other agencies ensure that children's overall well-being is paramount and the childminder has undertaken additional training to keep herself up to date with current issues and practices.

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

The provision is outstanding.

Children develop strong relationships with the childminder, who is responsive to their individual needs and ensures that their development is promoted fully. Children settle happily in the childminder's care due to secure routines. She knows the children well and devotes her time to them to enhance their sense of well-being and emotional stability. Children take part in an excellent variety of well planned activities and experiences that support their development in all areas. Children make good progress in their development as the childminder adapts activities according to their abilities to provide challenge for all children. Young children's needs are fully met as the childminder has an excellent understanding of their developmental needs and uses the birth to three matters framework exceptionally well to enhance this. She consistently plans activities according to their needs and records their development and progress, which is shared with parents. They quickly become competent communicators because the childminder uses supportive and enthusiastic interaction at all levels. She encourages children to express their thought and feelings. Good questioning and repeating children's responses encourages use of language, enabling children to develop confidence and make progress in their social learning and with their communication.

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

The provision is outstanding.

Children respond extremely well to the childminder's consistent, calm approach. As a result children's behaviour is very good. She uses positive strategies to manage behaviour, which are appropriate to the age and understanding of the children. Children receive meaningful praise which encourages their confidence and self-esteem and subsequently, they play harmoniously together within a child orientated setting. Children's individual needs are given top priority at all times. All children are included and are encouraged to have a positive view of the wider community. Children learn about the world around them on outings and local trips and through discussion with the childminder about difference. The provision of toys and resources that positively reflect the wider community successfully enhances children's understanding and appreciation of difference. The childminder is very aware that some children have specific needs, she is on the special needs network and is proactive in ensuring that appropriate action can be taken to promote the welfare and development of the child within the setting, in partnership with the parents and other relevant parties. Children benefit from successful and effective professional relationships between their carers. Purposeful two-way sharing of information ensures high quality, consistent care both at home and in the childminding setting.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is outstanding.

Indoor and outdoor space is very well organised and laid out to maximise play and learning opportunities for children. They benefit from a well-trained and skilled childminder who is committed to her work and enjoys children's achievements. She monitors, records and shares children's progress with parents on a regular basis to ensure she effectively meets all children's needs. All required documentation is in place, including policies and procedures, which contribute

to children's health, safety and well-being. The very high quality of the provision means that the childminder meets the needs of the range of children who attend extremely well.

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

At the last inspection, the childminder was recommended to develop documentation to improve the children's health and safety and ensure parental wishes are respected. Improvements have been made, the childminder now ensures she has optimum regard for parental wishes and the health and safety of the children by keeping signed parental consents for seeking emergency medical treatment if required.

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

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection.

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.

## **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 outstanding. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### **WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?**

#### **The quality and standards of the care**

No recommendations for improvement are made because the quality and standards of care are outstanding.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the leaflet *Complaints about Ofsted Early Years: concerns or complaints about Ofsted's role in regulating and inspecting childcare and early education* (HMI ref no 2599) which is available from Ofsted's website: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)