



## 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 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 2000. She lives with her husband and 10 sons aged 10 and 6 years old, in the London borough of Islington. The whole of the ground floor areas of the childminders home is available to minded children, which include the living room, play room, kitchen/diner and toilet. There is fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is available to collect children from the local school and attends local drop in groups and the library.

There are currently 2 children under 5 years on roll.

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 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 after using the toilet and before eating. The childminder has a good knowledge of the procedures to follow in the event of serious health issues that may affect children.

Children are protected generally well from infection by the childminder having satisfactory accident and medication procedures in place. However, medication records are not kept for the required period and accident records are not always completed.

Children benefit from a healthy diet because the childminder promoted healthy eating well. Children are offered a variety of nutritious meals, snacks and drinks. The childminder works in partnership with parents to meet children's individual needs.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a safe secure home in which activities are well organised and easily accessible to them. Children are protected well by the childminder having good procedures in place to eliminate potential hazards. Children's safety is promoted well because the childminder is vigilant and makes sure that dangerous items are not within in the children's reach. Children do not always have opportunities to rest comfortable because the childminder sometimes put children to sleep in their buggies.

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 PAN London guidance.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy, relaxed and have good relationships with the childminder. Children benefit from having access to a wide selection of resources, which are planned well by the childminder. Children enjoy exploring a range of stimulating activities which contribute to their all round developmental skills. The childminder has a good understanding of the children's individual needs and support children to move

to the next stage of their development. Children are allowed the freedom to explore and the childminder intervenes at regular intervals to give children appropriate support.

Children are developing their confidence and self esteem, which the childminder promotes well. There are good levels of interaction between the children and the childminder. She provides children with good individual attention and support them with activities.

The childminder has an awareness of the Birth to three matters framework. The childminder meets the needs of under 3's well, children received good attention from the childminder and are offered a range of stimulating activities.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are valued and respected and their individual needs are met well. Children are encouraged to develop a positive attitude to others by mixing with children from other cultures and by the childminder introducing them to other cultural practices. Children have access to a limited range of resources that reflect diversity.

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

Relationships between the childminder and parents is good. There are good procedures in place to share information with parents about daily events. The childminder has a good complaints procedure in place and encourages parents to express their opinion about the service that they receive.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder provides a well organised home where children are cared for safely and securely. Children have access to a stimulating, 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, the childminder does not keep medication records for the required period, accident records are incomplete and the register is not kept updated. There are good systems in place for sharing records and information with 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**

The childminder has improved her practice by complying with some of the recommendations made at the last inspection. However, she still need to comply with

requirements to keep records of children's attendance updated and to keep medication records for the required period.

### **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.

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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 suitable arrangements are made for children to rest
- provide children with a range of resources that reflects diversity
- Maintain up to date written documentation of the daily attendance register, ensure that medication records are kept for the required period and that accident records are completed and signed by parents

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