



Inspection report for early years provision

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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 lives with her husband and 3 year old daughter and 7 year old son in a 3 bedroom maisonette that is situated within the London Borough of Wandsworth. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of 3 children under 8, of these not more than 2 may be under 5 years, and of these, not more than 1 may be under 1 year. The childminder currently has 3 children on roll. The lounge area and downstairs toilet are used for minding. Minded children have access to a communal playground and use is made of local resources. The childminder's working hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6pm. The childminder is a member of the NCMA. It is a non smoking environment and there are no pets. Overnight care is not provided

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a clean environment where hygiene routines are well maintained. They learn the importance of maintaining their personal hygiene as they are encouraged to wash their hands after play and after going to the toilet. Parents are informed that their children should not attend the setting if they are very unwell or are suffering from an infectious illness to help prevent children being at risk from contamination and cross infection.

Children receive healthy meals and snacks that the childminder provides in accordance with their parent's wishes. They remain hydrated as they are offered fresh drinking water and a variety of other drinks such as fruit juice and milk, which they are able to access independently from their individual cups.

Children's physical health is promoted as visits are made to the local park and communal playground where they can access and enjoy a range of outdoor equipment such as slides, swings and climbing frames that enable them to develop their physical skills.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children benefit from an environment where they have access to a wide range of toys and activities that promote their learning and creativity. Resources and equipment are of good quality and meet the daily care needs of the children.

Although children are cared for in a safe environment as safety equipment is in place, emergency evacuation procedures are not carried out and this therefore, compromises their safety. Outside of the setting children's safety is promoted as the childminder develops their understanding of road safety, personal safety and ensures that they are closely supervised at all times.

Children's welfare is safeguarded and their wellbeing promoted as the childminder has attended Child Protection training and has a clear understanding of child protection issues and awareness of Local Authority procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are settled and share a warm relationship with the childminder. Their care and learning is promoted through positive interaction with the childminder as she provides plenty of praise and encouragement whilst she cares and plays with the children.

Children have access to a good range of stimulating activities that support their learning and creative development. Although the childminder has attended Birth to three matters training, further understanding of the framework needs to be developed to extend the knowledge and

experiences of younger children. Children's independence is promoted as they are able to independently choose from the selection of toys and activities that are made available.

Children benefit from visits to the library, local park and community playground. They also attend the local toddler groups where they are able to participate in a wide range of activities and socialise with other children.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children develop their confidence and self-esteem as they take on manageable tasks that they can achieve and are given positive praise and encouragement by the childminder. Their awareness of diversity and difference is promoted through the range of toys and activities made available. This is further extended through their participation in the celebration of festivals and special occasions such as Christmas and the Chinese New Year, when they attend the local playgroup and library.

The childminder believes in an inclusive environment and where possible, caters for children with special needs. Children are settled and secure in the childminder's care where good behaviour is promoted. The childminder uses a positive range of age-appropriate, behaviour management strategies and any concerns are shared and discussed with parents to ensure that a consistent approach is maintained.

Children's needs are promoted as verbal information is exchanged daily with parents, to ensure that they are kept informed of their child's care and progress. Although parents are informed of the childminders policies and procedures they have not been informed of complaint procedures in line with the new regulations or of Ofsted full contact details.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children's care and development is encouraged as the childminder provides a caring and stimulating environment for children that takes account of their individual needs. Their security is safeguarded as the childminder ensures that where appropriate, household members in the home are suitably vetted.

The setting helps to promote children's independence as they are able to access a good range of toys and activities of their own choice. Information is shared with parents on a daily basis to inform them of their children's routines and participation in activities. Although most information is shared with parents, their consent for transport is not in place.

Overall the setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last inspection the provider was asked to ensure that a BS EN standards approved fire blanket was secured in the kitchen, request written permission from parents to seek emergency

treatment/medical advice and provide an appropriate range of activities to promote equality and opportunity. All of these requests have been carried out to ensure that children's safety, care and learning is maintained and developed.

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):

- devise an emergency evacuation plan and ensure that evacuation procedures are carried out on a regular basis
- further develop understanding of Birth to three matters framework to extend younger children's knowledge and experiences
- ensure that complaint procedures are in place and that these procedures as well as Ofsted's full contact details are made known to parents
- ensure that parents sign consent forms for transport

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