

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 1993. She lives with her adult son and adult family friend in a semi detached property which is situated in North Chingford in the London borough of Waltham Forest. The whole of the ground floor of the premises is used for childminding purposes and a fully enclosed garden is available for outdoor play. Access to the premises is via a low step at the front door.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age group at any one time. She currently has no children on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has attended a variety of training which results in her having a satisfactory understanding of child development, and how to plan for individual children's interests and abilities. She is able to demonstrate, through discussion, activities likely to promote all areas of learning. Overall, the range of resources provides children with sufficient challenges for their development. The childminder is aware of the assessment procedures to implement as part of monitoring children's progress and identifying their next steps in learning.

The childminder demonstrates a positive attitude to inclusion. She has adequate systems in place to help her to protect and safeguard children in her care. She has sufficient knowledge and understands her responsibility to protect children. She has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards on the premises are kept to a minimum. She conducts risk assessments on the premises and for outings and these identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis. All adult household members have been vetted to ensure they are suitable and the childminder has public liability insurance in place.

The childminder has taken necessary steps to promote children's health through good hygiene procedures. She holds a valid first aid certificate and has documentation in place for recording accidents and any medication that is administered. There are effective systems in place to gather information from parents about their child upon admission. Parents are kept fully informed about their child's progress through daily communication, and they are actively encouraged to contribute to their child's learning profile. The childminder demonstrates a capacity to maintain continuous improvement.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: Met

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met