

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 2008. She lives with her partner and their two children age 11 and nine years in the South Woodford area within the London borough of Redbridge. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding purposes and a secure garden is available for outdoor play. The family have a dog and a hamster.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time. Of these, three may be in the early years age group. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is currently caring for five children in the later years age group before and after school, during term time. She also cares for children over the age of eight years. At the time of the inspection there were no children in the early years age group. The childminder is a member of the National Childminder Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates good knowledge and understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and how to proceed if she has concerns about a child in her care. In addition to this, the childminder is clear about her responsibilities to notify Ofsted of any significant event that may impact on the welfare of children. The childminder produced copies of risk assessments that include procedures to help identify potential hazards indoors, outdoors and for particular types of activities, and she uses these to effectively address and eliminate hazards when caring for children. The childminder is knowledgeable about the records to be kept and the importance of these. There are effective systems in place to ensure that records are organised well, stored securely and readily available for inspection. There are necessary facilities for children; an extensive range of resources and toys that are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. The childminder demonstrates good understanding of procedures to promote children's good health, by describing how she ensures that daily routines are put in place to minimise the risk of germs and cross infection, and by helping children to understand the importance of good personal hygiene. Menus are prominently displayed and these indicate a varied range of nutritional and healthy foods.

The childminder has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and she is able to demonstrate this through discussion and documentation of her work. She has attended a number of training courses since registration that include paediatric first aid, safeguarding children, food and hygiene and a briefing of the EYFS. As a consequence of this, the childminder has kept up to date with changes in childcare practices, and learnt new skills to enable her to improve her practice for children. Furthermore, she has completed a self assessment of her practice that identifies her strengths as well as areas to target for further development, in order to enhance the quality of the provision for children. The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge and understanding of the areas of learning. She explains how good use is made of activities and incidental

opportunities to extend children learning, and documentary evidence of previous and current assessments reflects children's individual needs. The childminder describes how she works together and shares information with parents to ensure children receive good care. Also, she comments about how she works in partnership with other professionals to ensure continuity of care and learning for the children.

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