

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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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 registered in 1998. She lives with her husband and twin sons, in the Highams Park area within the London borough of Waltham Forest. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight, of whom one may be in the early years age group, at any one time. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and documentation the childminder was able to clearly demonstrate her knowledge of the requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates an understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. She has devised a detailed safeguarding policy and has details of the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures. Documentation, such as a risk assessment for both inside and outside the home, as well as accident and medication records, demonstrate her understanding of supporting children's welfare, health and safety.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of the need to develop a strong partnership with parents and work in partnership with other agencies. She has devised a collection of policies and procedures, which outline the service provided. The childminder discusses how documentation, such as daily feedback sheets, provides a method of sharing information. She is aware of the benefits of working with other providers to promote children's learning. The childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal concern. She describes how she finds out as much as possible about the child and their family on admission. The childminder demonstrates how she promotes children's health and well-being. She explains that she plans meals that are healthy and include fruit and vegetables and would encourage a healthy lifestyle by promoting outdoor play. She shows a strong understanding of the need to use appropriate strategies with different ages of children and focuses on a positive approach to encourage good behaviour.

The childminder's home is warm and welcoming and all parts of the premises intended for childminding are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. She has a good range of suitable equipment that covers the six areas of learning. The childminder describes how she would use equipment to keep children well occupied, happy and make progress while they are with her. Through previous placements she has gained experience of carrying out observation and assessment and planning for children's next steps.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion the importance of maintaining links with other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage to enable children's continuity of learning. The childminder does recognise the importance of self-

evaluation and continuous improvement. She has met the recommendations made at her previous inspection. In addition, she has attended some training events to continue to support her knowledge and skills.

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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