

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 1998. She lives with her husband, two adult children and grandchild. They live in the Walthamstow area in the London Borough of Waltham Forest, close to shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The whole of the ground floor is available for childminding. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time; of these, no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder works jointly with her daughter, who is also a registered childminder. Together they may care for maximum of eight children of whom four may be in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection, there was no children in the early years age group on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and documentation, the childminder demonstrates her knowledge and understanding of the welfare and learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates a secure knowledge of her role and responsibilities in the event of a child protection issue. A detailed safeguarding policy is maintained. This clearly explains the procedures to follow should she have any concerns, as well as contact details of the local authority's safeguarding team. The childminder regularly updates her knowledge by attending training. Through discussion, she demonstrates how she maintains a safe home environment, carrying out and keeping a note of potential risks and hazards so that these can be minimised.

The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how individual children develop and learn, to be able to meet their needs. She is aware of the six areas of learning and has completed appropriate training courses in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is able to describe the previous process of assessments and observations. She clearly states how she used this to plan for children's future development in relation to their starting points. A good range of toys and resources is available. The childminder demonstrates a strong knowledge and understanding of how to support and challenge children in all areas of their learning and development. She demonstrates a similar ability to ensure that all children are valued and fully included.

The childminder demonstrates an understanding of the importance of working in partnership with parents and external agencies. She has developed a selection of policies, which outlines her service. Key policies, such as safeguarding and complaints, are displayed and incorporated in the parents' welcome pack. The childminder describes previous systems, such as daily communication dairies, as ways that she shares information with parents. The childminder is able to clearly describe the benefits of working with other providers, giving examples, such as continuity of care and aid with transition.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates how she would promote children's good health. She gives suitable examples, such as providing regular opportunities for children to access outdoor play, as well as providing a well balanced diet. All the required documentation is in place to support children's health and safety. The childminder has successfully addressed recommendations from her previous inspection. She is aware of the benefits of self-evaluation with regard to identifying her strengths and weaknesses to implement relevant action plans to improve her service. She is keen to update her skills through training, therefore demonstrating a strong commitment and 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
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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