

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting

Childminder

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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 1984. She lives with her husband and adult son in a residential area of Neasden, in the London Borough of Brent. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered to care for five children under eight years, with no more than three in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll in the early years age range at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates, through discussion, a suitable understanding of the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures. For example, she is aware of possible, child protection issues. She is also clear of the reporting procedures to follow, should she have any concerns, or if allegations are made against her or family members. In addition, she remains up-to-date with her knowledge, as she has completed safeguarding training. The childminder is aware of the importance of checking that the home is safe. For example, she has placed hazardous materials out of children's reach. The childminder holds a current, paediatric, first aid certificate, which gives her the skills to manage accidents, should these arise.

The childminder demonstrates a suitable capacity to make ongoing improvements through evaluating her service and recognises the importance of maintaining her continuous professional development. As a result, she has attended several training courses organised by her local authority. In addition, she has taken onboard the recommendations raised by the local authority development worker. The childminder has a clear understanding of how to promote children's health. She understands the significance of gathering information from parents regarding any medical needs, dietary requirements or allergies children may have. She also has a number of written policies in place to support her practice.

The childminder is able to evidence, through discussion, her suitable understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has systems in place, which would enable her to observe and monitor children's progress to meet their needs. The childminder has an appropriate selection of resources that is placed at a low level, which would support children's learning. She demonstrates her sound understanding of the need to promote inclusive practice. For example, she would gather relevant information about children's individual needs, prior to children being left with her. She also understands the importance of working in partnership, for example, with parents to find out about children's interests and capabilities.

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