

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 2000. She lives with her husband, one adult son and her granddaughter aged 11 years. They live in the London borough of Enfield. The whole ground floor of the house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years. Of these, no more than three may be in the early years age range and one may be under one year at any one time. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She has all policies and procedures in place to promote children's health, safety and well-being. All the adults living on the premises are suitably checked by the Criminal Records Bureau. The childminder demonstrates sound knowledge of safeguarding issues and the procedures she is required to follow in the event of concerns about a child. She has carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and compiled a list of areas that need monitoring for safety on a daily basis both indoors and out. The childminder maintains a safe environment for children. The childminder has a current first aid certificate and valid public liability insurance.

Through discussion, the childminder shows that she is aware of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. For example, she understands that young children need to explore and be active and has planned for messy activities that can take place indoors and out. The childminder has a suitable range of toys and resources to support children's all round development and these are stored in an accessible way. For outdoor play, there are tricycles, pull and push along toys, a climbing frame, various play balls and a play house.

The childminder has systems in place to observe and assess children's progress and describes how she plans activities to support their all round learning and development. The childminder plans to use a tracking system to monitor children's progress from their starting points and learning journey books to record observations of children at play.

The childminder has suitable systems in place to promote partnerships with parents. For example, a diary which invites their daily comments. The childminder visits the local Sure Start centre where children can attend the parent and toddler room. Through these visits, the childminder develops partnerships with other agencies such as local health and social workers in order to support children's welfare. She is also aware of the requirement to work closely with other early years professionals to support children's learning.

Through discussion the childminder is able to demonstrate how she promotes inclusive practice and how she will gain information from parents in order to meet

the individual needs of children. She evaluates and improves her service through keeping up-to date with changes and by reviewing and updating her resources.

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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