

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 December 2003. She lives with her mother who is also a registered childminder and foster carer. They live in the Marylebone area in the City of Westminster. The home is arranged over two floors, the living room and one bedroom are the main areas to be used for childminding. The entrance to the premises is on the second floor and is accessible by lift and stairs. The childminder does not have a garden; however, she accesses local parks and outdoor areas on a daily basis with her minded children. The family have two cats. The childminder holds a recognised qualification in childcare.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She is able to care for a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time, all of whom may be in the early years age group. When working alongside another childminder they are registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years. The childminder currently has no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and how to refer any concerns. Risk assessments are undertaken in the home and for local outings which children participate in. The childminder holds a valid first aid certificate to enable her to deal appropriately with accidents.

The childminder has a sound understanding of equality and diversity and demonstrates this is at the core of her service. She has experience of supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The childminder reports that she liaises with external agencies and services to ensure children get the support they need. The childminder demonstrates that she is able to provide a varied range of activities and resources to support children's progress across all areas of learning. There are suitable systems in place to observe children and assess their progress. The childminder explains that she uses children's interests to plan appropriate learning opportunities in the setting. She also discusses how she extends children's learning through local outings and outdoor experiences.

There are a range of policies and procedures which support the childminder in her everyday practices and these are shared with parents. The childminder has all required documentation in place, such as accident and attendance records. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of working in partnership with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. Appropriate arrangements are in place to help children develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles. The childminder explains that she provides freshly cooked nutritious food, regular fresh air and exercise. The childminder has suitable systems in place to enable her to reflect on her practice and identify areas for further improvement. She has addressed the recommendation made at the last

inspection and has attended various courses to show her commitment to making continuous improvements.

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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