

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 has been registered since 1993. She lives with her husband and three children aged 14, nine and seven years and two foster sons aged 16 and 15 years. The family lives in a residential area of South Croydon, within walking distance of local shops, schools and parks. The whole ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a garden available for outside play. 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 three children at any one time, of whom two may be in the early years age group. When working with two assistants, together they may care for a maximum of 10 children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than seven may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children on roll in this age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a suitable knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. However, she has failed to notify Ofsted of a change to persons over 16 living on the premises, and consequently required checks have not been completed. It is a legal requirement to do so. On this occasion Ofsted does not intend to take further action. The childminder demonstrated that she has sound knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board. She takes action to minimise risks to children both in and out of the home; to enable children to play safely and in comfort. For example, appropriate fire detection and control equipment is in place and the childminder has a clearly defined procedure for the emergency evacuation of the premises. The childminder has also ensured that the garden has been made secure and that cupboards containing hazardous materials are kept securely locked, following a recommendation raised at her last inspection. The childminder has addressed all recommendations set during her last inspection. These precautions demonstrate the providers understanding of the need to promote children's safety and well-being.

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to promote children's good health. She has systems in place to gather relevant information from parents regarding medical needs and dietary requirements and maintains a clean and hygienic home. The childminder and her assistants also hold valid first aid certificates. The childminder showed a sound knowledge of how to develop children's developmental needs. She organises her home to enable children to access a suitable range of toys and resources and described a clear understanding of the learning requirements. For example, she describes a clear understanding of the areas of learning and the importance of observing, assessing and monitoring children's development. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of working closely with parents. She describes how she gathers relevant information about each child to promote equality and to meet their unique needs, including children for whom English is an additional language. The childminder has experience of caring for children with special

educational needs and/or disabilities and demonstrates a positive disposition to caring for such children. The childminder showed a clear awareness of the need to work in partnership with any others involved in the care of the children in order to foster continuity of care and learning.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure people whose suitability has not been checked do not have unsupervised contact with children who are being cared for (Suitable people).
- 27/02/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (Arrangements for safeguarding children) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 27/02/2012
- keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 03/03/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Arrangements for safeguarding children). 12/03/2012