

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting Childminder

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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 2006. She lives with her partner and three adult sons in Rush Green, in the London Borough of Havering. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's home is used for minding and the upstairs bathroom. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. She works from Monday to Saturday, 8am to 7pm all year.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range and one may be under one. There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group. She is currently caring for three children from five years to 11 years. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates an accurate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and meets all the statutory legal requirements. The childminder demonstrates a very positive attitude to inclusion. She understands the importance of providing an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and children's individual needs are met in consultation with parents. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of safeguarding issues, having attended training. She knows what to do if she has a child protection concern. Adequate systems are in place to help her to protect and safeguard any children she cares for. Reasonable steps make sure that hazards on the premises are to be kept to a minimum. The childminder is aware of the need to conduct risk assessments on the premises and for outings. All adult household members have been vetted to make sure they are suitable and the childminder has public liability insurance in place.

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how she will make sure the everyday care and welfare routines of children are met. The childminder explains how she will obtain information from parents about children's likes, dislikes and interests so that she can meet their individual needs. The childminder plans to promote a healthy lifestyle through the provision of healthy food, drinks, regular exercise and fresh air. The childminder holds a valid first aid certificate and records any accidents that occur or any medication to be given. Effective systems are in place for her to be able to gather information from parents about their child upon admission. Parents will be kept fully informed about their child's progress through daily communication, and the childminder will encourage parents to contribute to their child's learning assessment profile. The childminder understands the importance of working with others involved in children's development to maintain consistency.

The childminder intends to offer a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities in a relaxed and homely environment. The childminder is able to demonstrate,

through discussion, activities likely to promote all areas of learning. A balance of indoor and outdoor activities will provide children with opportunities to make progress in all areas of their learning and development. Observation and assessment will be used to monitor children's progress and identify their next steps in learning. The childminder has taken reasonable steps to address the recommendation from her last inspection. The childminder has a good range of resources in place that promote positive images of disability, such as, puzzles, posters, games and a selection of books. The childminder evaluates her service and attends regular training to update her knowledge and skills. The childminder demonstrates a capacity to maintain continuous improvement.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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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