

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 1989. She lives with her three adult children and one child aged ten years old. The family live in a 4-bedroom house in Coulsdon within the London Borough of Croydon. The downstairs of the home is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden 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 six children under eight, three of whom can be in the early years age group. There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group. The childminder provides care for one child over eight years. She is able to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

The childminder has a BA honours degree in Childhood Studies.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder's home is a very child-friendly and welcoming environment. The childminder uses risk assessment to manage the safety of her home and children's safety when out on visits. She is aware of the requirement to regularly review these assessments and record her findings. All documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the provision is in place. The childminder has secure knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The highly qualified childminder demonstrates a secure underpinning knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and a competent ability to support and promote children's care and learning. Discussion shows that the childminder has considered in-depth how she will meet children's individual needs and promote inclusion. This includes working in partnership with parents and others involved in children's care to promote continuity and support for their learning. She describes robust systems for observation, assessment and planning to promote children's all-round development through a broad and stimulating range of activities. Proposed activities include encouraging children to explore other cultures and outings to learn about diversity in the local area and the wider world. The dedicated play area has an excellent range of well-maintained toys and learning resources that children can select themselves.

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to promote children's good health. She is very aware of the need to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. She updates her first aid training on a regular basis. The childminder has a secure understanding of the importance of using self-evaluation to identify the strengths and weaknesses in her provision. She demonstrates a solid commitment to, and capacity for, continuous improvement. She recognises the need to remain fully up-to-date with training to

ensure she continues to meet all requirements for childminding.

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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