

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 2001. She lives with her adult son in Orpington, within the London Borough of Bromley. The downstairs of the home, the first floor bathroom and master bedroom are registered 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 may care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of these no more than three may be in the early years age range. She is currently not minding any children in this age group. She also offers care to children in the older age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of her responsibility to protect children and an appropriate safeguarding policy is in place, which is shared with parents. She undertakes risk assessments and takes action to minimise risks inside and outside her home so children can play safely. The childminder maintains an up-to-date first aid certificate so she can act appropriately in the event of an accident. She demonstrates a good understanding of the need to evaluate her service to improve her practice and outcomes for children. The childminder keeps her knowledge up-to-date by attending relevant training. Recent training includes, safeguarding, first aid, inclusion and training on the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has met the recommendations set at her last inspection. The childminder demonstrates a capacity to maintain continuous improvement.

The childminder displays resources at the children's level to support their self-selection and promote independence. The suitable range of resources positively reflects diversity, which enables the childminder to promote children's awareness of the world around them. The childminder explains how she develops positive partnerships with parents. She obtains information from about the children's culture and background, so she can plan for their differing needs. She keeps parents informed about their child's day. The childminder is aware of the need to work in partnership with any other settings if the need arises.

The childminder has a sound knowledge of the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through discussion, she demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of observing children at play, to plan for their interests and needs. She clearly explains how she supports children's learning through a range of play experiences. For example, using role play activities to promote children's imaginative development. The childminder describes making good use of outdoor play. For example, with free play in the garden and regular trips to the local parks to enhance their physical development. She explains how this helps children understand the benefits of adopting a health lifestyle. The childminder explains how she promotes children's understanding of being healthy and safe, through their everyday routines. For example, practising road safety and

maintaining good hygiene routines.

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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