

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 registered in 1996. She lives with her husband and adult child. The family live in a house in the London Borough of Croydon. Childminding takes place on the ground floor of the property only. Toilet and sleep facilities are provided in this area. There is an enclosed back garden for outside play. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of 6 children under eight and of these, three may be in the early years age group. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and documentation, the childminder demonstrates a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children. She is aware of the signs and symptoms that may give her cause for concern and is confident in how to make a referral. The childminder regularly risk assesses her home to make it safe and secure. She has a range of written policies and procedures in place to help support the safe management of her provision and welfare of children. She demonstrates clearly how to encourage children to become aware of keeping themselves safe. She described having house rules displayed in pictures for children to understand, providing guidance in road safety and regularly practising fire evacuation. Through discussion the childminder provided clear examples of managing children's behaviour effectively and in ways that are appropriate for the age and understanding of the children. The childminder understands the importance of self-evaluation and demonstrates a sound capacity for improvement. She has met the recommendations set at her previous inspection and has completed regular training. Recent training includes, first aid, safeguarding children, food safety, information, communication and technology. She has also completed a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) at level three in childcare, learning and development, demonstrating her commitment to continuous personal development.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a good knowledge and understanding of how to support children's progress towards the early learning goals. She explained how observations, assessment and reflection on children's play and interests support her to plan their future learning experiences. She understands the benefit of liaising with other providers and agencies to support the children and recalls when she worked with a speech therapist to support a child's language development. The childminder has a satisfactory range of play resources available for indoors and outdoors. She described a variety of activities to promote children's learning such as going out to the park, swimming, painting, manipulating play dough, dancing to music, cooking and preparing their own food. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to promote children's good health. She discussed giving children regular opportunities to enjoy fresh air and exercise and to eat healthy home cooked meals. This, she explained, helps her

to promote children's physical development and encourage a healthy lifestyle. The childminder described how she develops positive relationships with parents. She seeks detailed information from parents about the children so she can plan for their differing needs and respects their wishes. She describes promoting an inclusive environment for all and encourages children's interest in the wider world through a variety of interesting activities and experiences. Furthermore, she explained that she works in partnership with the parents to agree strategies to support children learning English as an additional language.

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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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