

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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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 2006. She lives with her husband and three children, aged 11, eight and four years in a house in Woodford Green in the London Borough of Redbridge. The whole of the house is used for childminding, although children generally play in the downstairs rooms. There is a secure garden for outdoor play. The family has a pet dog.

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 five children, of whom two may be in the early years age group, at any one time. She also offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. At the time of inspection the childminder had no children in the early years age group on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has effective policies and procedures in place to promote the safeguarding of children in her care. She has a sound knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and knows what to do if she has any concerns relating to child protection. She has risk assessed her home and has various safety measures in place so that children keep safe on the premises. She is aware of the importance of talking with children about how to keep themselves safe. The childminder is inclusive in her approach and prioritises children's well-being. She explains that she likes to encourage children to make a positive contribution in social situations and describes appropriate behaviour management strategies. The childminder is aware of the importance of working in partnership with parents, and other professionals when necessary, to maintain continuity of care for individual children. She has systems in place to enable her to liaise closely with parents, for example, through feeding back verbally or emailing photographs.

The childminder ensures that her first aid qualification is kept up to date. She emphasises the need to provide healthy snacks and meals for children. She makes sure they have access to drinking water. She states that she enjoys playing with children and helping them to learn new skills. The childminder is keen to use a system of self-evaluation to help her reflect on her practice. Since her previous inspection she has improved fire safety within the home and introduced more resources and equipment. She has a wide range of toys, games and books which are suitable for children of different ages. There is a local park where children can enjoy outdoor play. The childminder is aware of the requirement to use a system of observational assessment when caring for children in the early years age group. She is interested in creating learning journeys for children to show their progress and to guide their future learning. She has attended a training course to help her implement the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is interested in attending more training events to further her own professional development. The childminder demonstrates a sound capacity for continual improvement.

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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