

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 1993. She lives with her husband in Leytonstone in the London Borough of Waltham Forest close to shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, no more than three of these may be in the early years age range. She currently has 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

The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of safeguarding. She understands how to follow relevant procedures, record and make a referral if concerns are raised. She has completed regular safeguarding training, to keep her knowledge up-to-date. She undertakes risk assessments in the home and garden and knows to extend these to include planned trips. She maintains all required documentation relating to childminding. These are stored confidentially. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate.

Play resources are organised to allow children to make choices about their play. All toys are safe and age appropriate. The childminder is aware of the need to work in partnership with any other settings if the need arises. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of working in partnership with parents. She explains that she would talk to them each day, share records of achievements and ask for their views about her service.

The childminder discusses appropriate arrangements to provide an inclusive service to all children. She provides toys that reflect diversity. She states that she would plan activities to meet children's individual needs and would celebrate various festivals. The childminder demonstrates how she evaluates her service and strives for continuous improvement. She explains that she undertakes various training courses to up-date her knowledge of childcare practice. The childminder has a clear understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has systems to undertake observations and assessments on children's developmental stages to plan for their future learning.

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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