

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 2007. She lives with her husband and two school age children. They live close to Putney Common in the London Borough of Wandsworth. The home is within walking distance of local shops and transport links. The lounge and bathroom are used for childminding. There is no direct access to an enclosed garden for outside play, so the childminder takes children to a local playground.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time; of these, no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder is currently caring for five older children from. She walks to a local school to take and collect children. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. At the time of the inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder continues to meet with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, relating to children's welfare, learning and development. She demonstrates a secure knowledge of issues surrounding safeguarding children. For example, she is able to name potential causes of concern to help her assess risk and protect children. The childminder has completed a safeguarding training course and is clear about responsibilities to keep children safe. The childminder describes her risk assessment procedures, such as, routines to check areas of the home and planning safe routes for outings. She is aware of the need to practice her emergency evacuation procedures on a regular basis to keep children safe. In addition, the childminder has an up-to-date first aid certificate and valid public liability insurance.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion suitable procedures to promote children's health and hygiene. She creates, for example, menu plans taking into account children's requirements, such as a vegetarian diet. Through discussion, the childminder explains how children learn about personal care, for example, hand washing prior to meals and after using the toilet.

All documentation required for the safe and effective management of the childminder's setting is in place. She has systems for recording children's arrival and departure times, accidents and incidents and obtaining mandatory information from parents. The childminder explains how children can benefit from establishing a positive partnership with parents. Procedures are in place for keeping parents informed about their children's progress. The childminder offers all parents a copy of her policies and procedures. These include useful information, such as, how to make a complaint. The childminder discusses how to link with outside agencies and other settings children attend to promote continuity in care and learning.

The childminder describes how she would offer children a varied range of suitable resources and play materials. She is aware of how to use observations of the children to plan activities to support their learning. The childminder describes how to provide children with opportunities covering all six areas of learning. The childminder has some resources to reflect diversity, although there are few to raise children's knowledge about disability. Despite this, the childminder understands how to provides an inclusive environment for children and their families.

The childminder demonstrates a suitable capacity for continuous improvement. She describes how she works in partnership with the local authority early years department. She plans to continue developing and improving her provision to promote children's welfare, learning and development. She understands the importance of using self-evaluation and she has addressed all issues raised at the last inspection.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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| The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: | Met |
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