

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 2002. She lives with her husband and children aged nine and 13 years in Battersea in the London Borough of Wandsworth, close to local shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The childminder's home is on the first floor of a block of maisonettes, with no lift access. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding, except the bedrooms. Children have access to a communal playground.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of these, three may be in the early years age range. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll at the time of inspection.

The childminder collects children from the local school and goes to toddler groups and takes children to parks regularly.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder expressed a sound knowledge of child protection issues. She has attended safeguarding training in the past and is clear about the procedures to follow if she had concerns about a child's welfare. The childminder demonstrated how she uses risk assessments to ensure children's safety both inside and outside of the home. All required policies, records and documentation are in place to promote children's safety and welfare, when required.

The childminder demonstrated through discussions that she has a good knowledge of how children learn through play. The childminder demonstrated that she has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Framework. She showed through discussion and documentation how she is able to provide a wide range of resources, activities and experiences to promote children's development across all six areas of learning. She also demonstrated how she is able to assess children's progress towards the early learning goals and help them move onto the next step of learning. She demonstrated the importance of working with parents and other agencies to ensure children's care needs are met and to enhance their learning and development. The childminder is aware of the importance of providing an inclusive provision for all children. She explained how she would treat each child as an individual and take into account their interests, age and stage of development. The childminder has a good range of books and toys, which include resources that promote positive images of diversity. She spoke about how all children would have equal access to play resources, regardless of gender. The childminder explained how she would manage children's behaviour in an appropriate manner.

The childminder demonstrated that she has a clear understanding of how to promote children's health. She ensures that her home is clean and explained how she would help children to learn good hygiene procedures. The childminder confirmed that she would provide children with nutritious home cooked meals to

promote healthy habits from a young age.

The childminder has completed the recommendations from the last inspection to further improve children's welfare and safety. She showed that she continually strives to develop her childminding practice through the use of self-evaluation and attending regular training. Since the last inspection the childminder has obtained a level three qualification in childcare and education, developing her skills and knowledge to promote the outcomes for children she cares for in the future.

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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