

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 2004. She lives with her husband and two children, aged eight and six, in a second floor flat in Walthamstow in the London Borough of Waltham Forest. Access to the flat is via an internal staircase or lift. The whole of the flat is used for childminding.

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 three children under eight, of whom two may be in the early years age group, at any one time. At the time of inspection there were no children on roll. The childminder holds a National Vocational Qualification at level 3.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

At present the childminder is working in a school setting with children in the early years age group. Her childminding documentation is very well organised. She has effective policies and procedures in place to promote the safeguarding of children in her care. She carries out risk assessments as required so that any potential risks can be minimised appropriately. She regularly updates her training in safeguarding and consequently has a good understanding of child protection procedures. She has a set of house rules in place to encourage children's awareness of personal safety.

The childminder is attentive to good hygiene and is aware of the importance of encouraging children to adopt healthy lifestyles. She enjoys cooking and describes a healthy and well-balanced menu. There is a communal garden attached to the premises and also a nearby park where children can enjoy outdoor play. The childminder's aim is to offer a welcoming and inclusive provision where children make friends and learn to respect others. She has a wide range of suitable resources, some of which reflect diversity. She explains that these would be organised to encourage children to make their own choices and learn through play.

The childminder is a member of a childminding network and so is able to share ideas and experience with other childminders. She is committed to her own professional development and is keen to attend further childcare training. She has previously used self-evaluation successfully to reflect on her practice. The childminder has an excellent knowledge of child development and a comprehensive system of observational assessment in place. She is keen for children to have a variety of enjoyable learning experiences which help them progress towards the early learning goals. She explains that, when planning for children's learning, she includes activities based around special festivals and involves parents whenever possible. She has a portfolio of useful information about her provision to share with parents. The childminder emphasises the importance of working in partnership with parents so that children's needs are met effectively. She has attended training in various aspects of special educational needs. She is fully aware of the requirement to work in partnership with other professionals, if necessary, to

ensure continuity of care for individual children.

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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