

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting Childminder

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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 1984. She lives with her husband and adult son. They live in a house in the N9 area of the London Borough of Enfield close to Edmonton Green. Children have access to the whole of the ground floor and a garden. The family have a pet cat. 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 six children under eight years, at any one time. The childminder currently has no children on roll. The childminder is a member of her local childminding network.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a clear statement detailing her procedure for safeguarding children's welfare. In addition she regularly updates her knowledge through training courses in child protection. The childminder describes her procedures for ensuring her home is safe for children. There are competent risk assessments in place for the home and individual outings. Emergency evacuation procedures are provided and suitable equipment such as a fire blanket and smoke detectors are in place.

The childminder has a thorough understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder has created a comfortable and well-maintained environment, which is well resourced and well organised. She demonstrates her systems for promoting children's progress towards the early learning goals. She has clear systems for observing and assessing children's development and planning activities around their individual interests. Furthermore, she describes her systems for involving parents in their child's learning and providing opportunities for them to add to their child's developmental records. The childminder demonstrates, through discussion how she will develop partnerships with other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage in order to provide a consistent approach and to support children's learning.

The childminder describes her effective systems for promoting inclusion at her setting. She demonstrates through discussion how she develops a strong partnership with each parent so she is able to find out about each child's individual background. Furthermore, the childminder has a selection of policies and procedures available in community languages to promote good communication and to support parents.

The childminder demonstrates a conscientious approach to self-evaluation. Although she is not currently caring for children as a childminder, she has continued to maintain links with her local childminding network and regularly updates her childcare knowledge. The childminder has good record keeping systems available including all required policies and procedures. She has ensured that her first aid certificate is valid and her public liability insurance is up to date.

The childminder is enthusiastic and keen to maintain continuous improvements to her service to promote positive outcomes for 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

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

Met