

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 was registered in 1999. She lives with her husband and two children age 13 and 15 years. The family lives in a quiet residential road in Mitcham within the London Borough of Merton, close to public transport links. Minded children have access to the whole of the ground floor and there are toilet facilities provided on the first floor. The second floor is not used by minded children. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a pet cat.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of these not more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently has no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding in relation to her responsibility to safeguard children. She is confident about issues that would cause her concern. She shares that she has attended safeguarding training recently and updated her safeguarding policy, obtaining the required contact details. The childminder organises her home to be safe and secure, describing suitable precautions to help promote children's safety. In addition, suitable emergency evacuation procedures are in place. These improvements help support children's safety and well-being. The childminder maintains an up-to-date paediatric first aid certificate, so she can act appropriately in the event of an accident. She demonstrates, through discussion, a clear understanding of how to promote children's good health. For example, she has reviewed and improved the nappy changing procedures in order to reduce the risk of cross infection. Additionally, the childminder ensures that required written parental permission is obtained in relation to emergency treatment. She shares how she meets children's dietary needs in consultation with parents.

The childminder has experience of caring for children with English as an additional language and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She illustrates through discussion, how she supports and meets children's individual needs in partnership with parents. The childminder discusses how she helps children learn about diversity and to respect differences. In conversation, she clarifies her understanding of the importance of working closely with parents and others involved in the care of children. The childminder portrays a sound knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She describes a clear understanding of suitable activities to meet children developmental needs including visiting local baby gym and music classes, the library, parks and toddler groups. She describes a sound awareness in relation to her role of observing, assessing and monitoring children's achievements. The childminder discusses how she would meet and plan for children's educational needs. She explains how she would

ensure that resources, toys and equipment are safe and suitable for meeting children's learning needs. The childminder describes a clear understanding of the need to evaluate her service, in order to improve her practice and therefore the outcomes for children. She is aware of the benefits of attending continuous training. She updates her knowledge in relation to childcare practice with information on the internet. All recommendations made at the previous inspection are met. The childminder demonstrates capacity to maintain continuous improvement.

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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