

## 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 2004. She lives with her husband, two children and one adult. They live in the residential area of Chadwell Heath, in the London Borough of Redbridge, Essex. The through lounge is the main area used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children aged under eight years at any one time; of these, three may be in the early years age group. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and 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 group. The childminder currently offers care to children from aged six to nine years.

The childminder walks and drives to local schools to take and collect children. The childminder holds a level 3 childcare qualification.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a sound awareness of safeguarding issues and procedures to promote children's welfare. She carries out both visual and written risk assessments to ensure the home is safe and secure. The childminder is clear about the information she would obtain from parents. This would enable her to have a sound understanding of children's individual needs and backgrounds. From discussion, the childminder is aware of the importance of building positive relationships with both parents and other agencies to support children's learning. She values parent's views and knows how to obtain these through ongoing discussions and questionnaires. The childminder demonstrates the capacity to maintain continuous improvement. She has addressed previous recommendations made at the last inspection. She has now made low-level glass safe and a fire blanket is sited in the kitchen. Records show that the childminder carries out fire drills regularly. The childminder has in place useful safeguarding contact numbers. She has begun to reflect on her practice through the use of self-evaluation documentation.

There is appropriate documentation in place to enable the childminder to gather information about children's starting points. For example, she has an 'all about me' information sheet. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is able to talk about the different type of experiences she would provide to support children's learning and development. The childminder describes implementing systems for observations and assessments to record children's progress and plan their next steps in learning. She demonstrates a positive approach to promoting inclusion. She describes talking to children about their own cultures and helping them learn about other people through planned activities.

The childminder's home is clean and child orientated. Children are mainly cared for in the lounge and their artwork would be on display around the room. The childminder is able to talk about how she maintains good hygiene practices through everyday routines. For example, she describes washing hands at appropriate times. She also talks about reinforcing the importance of 'catch it, bin it, throw it' to reduce the spread of cross-infection. The childminder has a valid first aid certificate, in order to provide first aid treatment is necessary. She has an understanding of the need to obtain relevant written parental consent. This enables her to act in children's best interest in the event of a medical emergency. The childminder demonstrates through discussion appropriate strategies in the management of children's behaviour. She promotes children's positive behaviour through praise, stickers and rewards.

## **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