

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 2001. She lives with her husband and their three children, in the London Borough of Islington. She lives close to local schools, parks and shops. The lounge and kitchen diner are the main areas used for childminding purposes. There is also a patio area available for outdoor play. The family has a pet dog.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of four children aged under eight years at any one time; of these, two children may be in the early years age range, and of these none may be under one year. The childminder attends a number of parent and toddler groups and is a member of the local childminding network. At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion, that she has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and statutory legal requirements. The childminder has established systems to protect and safeguard children in her care. For example, she demonstrates a sound understanding of her role in safeguarding procedures and the childminder's home is safe and secure. All required safety equipment such as smoke alarms and a fire blanket are in place. The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate. The childminder is aware of the need to treat all children with respect and kindness, which promotes inclusive practice. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she recognises the value of working in partnership with parents and others to ensure continuity of care for children. She is confident to establish partnerships with other providers that children may attend and is able to describe how she would seek information about this. The childminder demonstrates appropriate knowledge of the learning and development requirements. A balance of indoor and outdoor activities provides children with opportunities to make progress in all areas of learning and development. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates effective systems for undertaking observations and assessments of children in the early year's age range. The childminder has a suitable range of resources that she is able to make accessible to the children to support their development. The childminder has addressed the recommendations from the last inspection. The childminder has not yet considered a written self-evaluation process, however, through discussion she demonstrates the ability to identify areas of her practice she would like to monitor, evaluate and develop.

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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