

## 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 three children, one of whom is an adult in the London Borough of Camden. Minded children have access to all areas of the first floor flat which includes a lounge, bedrooms, and kitchen and toilet facilities. There is no dedicated outside area, so the childminder takes children on regular outings to parks and outdoor spaces.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of four children under eight years, two of whom may be in the early years age group. At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of how to support children's learning and development. She provides a range of activities that are appropriate to children's individual age and stage of development. She tries to reflect children's preferences in the types of toys and activities she offers, helping all children to feel included. She completes written observations as children play, and links these to the area of learning to help her monitor children's progress. This then helps her to plan activities to support children in taking the next step in their learning and development. The childminder talks about the resources and activities she would provide to help children learn to respect and value others. She discusses how she attends local toddler groups and centres to provide children with opportunities to engage in craft activities and physical play within a larger group, developing important social skills.

The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of how to support children's safety through effective risk assessments and following effective safeguarding procedures. A regular review of arrangements helps her to provide a secure environment where children can play in safety. The childminder has access to a suitable range of toys and resources. She explains that she would review these when taking on a new child to make sure that she could offer a suitable and sufficient range. The childminder states she sets clear boundaries and expectations which help children to understand how to manage their own behaviour and feel secure.

The childminder describes the positive routines she follows to promote children's health. She provides children with healthy snacks and drinks throughout the day in line with their individual dietary requirements. Regular outings to play areas and outdoor spaces provide children with opportunities to play outside in the fresh air. The childminder explains how children learn about keeping safe as they take part in activities and daily routines.

The childminder demonstrates an adequate capacity to improve. She has updated areas of her training and has implemented the use of additional consent forms since her last inspection, improving links with parents. She discusses how she would review all areas of the provision prior to commencing childminding. She would also establish a system to help her to continue to make improvements in the service she provides. The childminder provides records and documents she has previously used, demonstrating her understanding of how she would meet requirements. She provides parents with information about the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and her own policies, to increase their understanding of her role. The childminder demonstrates a willingness to work with other providers to promote continuity and consistency in the children's care.

## **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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