

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 originally registered in 1969 and re-registered with Ofsted in 2001. She lives in Old Coulsdon, in the London Borough of Croydon close to local shops, parks and schools. Children use three rooms downstairs and toilet facilities are on the first floor. Children also have the use of a large secure garden. The childminder has two cats.

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 four children aged under eight years, three of whom can be in the early years age range. The childminder does not have any children in the early years age group on roll. She has some experience of working with children with special educational needs and disabilities. She takes and collects children from local schools and nurseries.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates that she understands her role in safeguarding children well. She has attended relevant training and has clear child protection procedures in place. She knows who to contact if she has concerns about a child. The childminder takes positive steps to provide a safe environment for children. For example, smoke detectors are in working order and the fire blanket is easily accessible in the kitchen. The childminder regularly checks her garden for hazards. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate and has full insurance liability cover which shows her commitment to keeping children safe.

The childminder has a sound knowledge of the learning requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Her recent training on making observations and assessments of children's learning and development underpins her practical skills. The childminder explains how she uses her time and resources to support children's learning, for example by following their interests and providing interesting games and activities.

The childminder explains how she promotes equality and diversity. She teaches children to have respect for others and has books and toys that reflect children's diverse backgrounds and the local community. She explains how she encourages children's positive behaviour by including them in making decisions in all aspects of their play. She has a sound understanding of how to support children with special educational needs or disabilities in order to maximise their potential. She shows a passion for working in partnership with other professionals to support children's development and learning.

The childminder has a good understanding of the importance of working with parents. She explains that she would set up initial meetings to gain knowledge of children's needs and would use discussion to keep parents informed about their children's progress and welfare.

The childminder describes how she continuously improves her practice by evaluating her provision, updating her early years training and sharing good practice with other childminders. She has completed all the recommendations from the last inspection.

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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