

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 2003. She lives with her husband in a residential area of Dagenham, Essex. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sufficient knowledge of safeguarding and knows what to do if she is concerned about a child in her care. Child protection information is at hand to refer to if required. Risk assessments have been conducted to identify potential hazards to children while in her home and appropriate steps taken to minimise all identified risks. Daily visual checks will help to ensure this remains the case. In addition, documentation is in place to help the childminder risk assess regular trips in order to help children enjoy outing in safety. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate which means that she is able to give appropriate treatment if required. She also has documentation in place to obtain required written parental consents.

The whole of the downstairs part of the house and the garden is used for play. Sufficient toys and resources are readily available for children to make choices and develop their self help skills. The childminder understands the need to observe and assess children's progress towards the early learning goals. She is working with the local authority development worker to develop a more secure knowledge and understanding of the learning requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. She is committed to helping children learn about equality and diversity and traditional days and festivals are shared.

The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding the necessity to maintain the required documentation in order to promote children's safety and welfare. The childminder intends to share her written policies and procedures with parents and confirm all agreements in writing. She will gather information about children's interest's likes and dislikes and any medical needs from the start to help her provide the best possible care. The childminder encourages parents to take as long as they need to help their child settle and become accustom to her home. Behaviour management techniques are discussed with parents to help ensure consistency. The childminder explains that she helps children feel safe by following their home routines as much as possible. The childminder will provide healthy

snacks, but prefers parents to provide children's meals, as they are more aware of children's dietary needs and preferences.

The childminder attends in-service training to help her keep up to date with changes and liaises with her development worker to improve her knowledge. In addition, she has appropriately addressed the recommendations from the last inspection in order to develop the childminding service. This demonstrates a capacity for 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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