

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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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 1995. She lives with her husband and adult son in West Norwood, in the London Borough of Lambeth. The whole of the house is used for childminding, with the ground floor being the main area for play activities. There is a fully enclosed garden for children's use. The childminder's husband and son are registered as childminding assistants.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of five children under eight years may attend, with no more than three in the early years age group. No minded children were present at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has provided childcare within her home for over fifteen years. She shows a good awareness of the need to safeguard children and has clearly organised policies and procedures in place to maintain children's safety and security. The childminder has also recently up-dated her child protection training and renewed her first aid certificate.

The childminder is an experienced carer and demonstrates a sound understanding of the learning and development requirements. She is aware of the need to promote all of the six areas of learning. The childminder gave examples of how she would promote children's speech, numeracy and understanding of the world. She is also able to clearly demonstrate, by means of description and discussion, how she would provide planned activities to support individual children's learning.

When children attend they are able to use the open-plan ground floor for play activities, which also has access to an enclosed back garden. A well stocked under stairs cupboard is used to store a wide range of play materials, including outdoor play equipment. The childminder demonstrated how she would set up a resources play-base in her lounge, for children to choose and adapt play items.

The childminder demonstrates an effective understanding of inclusive practice, and promoting the development of all children attending. She has a good awareness of need to support individual children's achievement and described how she would use observation and assessment to record and monitor children's learning progress. The childminder has experience of working with children with disabilities and described how she would use resources and activities to promote children's awareness of diversity.

Working closely with parents is well considered by the childminder, who makes good use of her considerable experience in this area. She described how she would use a daily diary to record children's activities and provide parents with regular up-dates on their children's learning progress. She also described how she would work with parents to support children's dietary needs and healthy lifestyles.

The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with other settings. For example, her current work collecting children from school often involves her in the exchange of children's learning and development information with teachers. The childminder has a clear understanding of the need to promote continuous improvement and has identified areas for further development. Such as, using computers and information technology with children and texting to assist communication with parents. The childminder has also fully met all the recommendations made at 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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