

## 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 1987. She lives with her two adult children. They live in Clapham Common in the London Borough of Lambeth. There are shops, schools, parks and transport links within walking distance. The whole of the ground floor and the bathroom on the first floor of the home are used for childminding. There is direct access to an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The family has a large tank containing fish.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time; of these, no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder also offers care for children over the age of eight years. There are no children in the early years age range on roll at the time of the inspection.

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

The childminder clearly demonstrates through discussion that she understands her role and responsibility in promoting children's safety and welfare. She has a good understanding of child protection issues and knows how to proceed if she has concerns about a child. In addition, she has completed a safeguarding course to improve her knowledge. The childminder has systems for carrying out regular risk assessments in order to minimise hazards to children. The childminder's documentation clearly shows she has appropriate procedures for the emergency evacuation of children from the home. The premises are clean and well maintained. The childminder explains how she teaches and promotes good hygiene habits. She reminds children to wash their hands after using the toilet and before meals. The childminder has an up-to-date first aid certificate. All mandatory policies and procedures are in place and shared with parents.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion how she establishes positive partnerships with parents and promotes inclusive practice. She has systems for recording children's details and obtaining relevant information so that she can meet their individual needs. The childminder explains how she would work in partnership with other providers and agencies. She is aware of the need to exchange information with practitioners when children attend other settings in order to promote continuity of care and education.

The childminder demonstrates her ability to provide a stimulating and accessible play and learning environment for children. There is a good range of activities and resources available that show positive images of diversity. The childminder discusses how she uses the resources to help children develop a positive awareness of the wider world. She has systems in place for observing and assessing children's progress in their learning and development. She describes how she helps children work towards the early learning goals and demonstrates how she plans a range of activities, both indoors and outdoors, that meet children's

learning needs.

The childminder has met the recommendations made at her last inspection. She explains how she uses evaluation to continue to develop and improve the provision. The childminder enhances her childcare knowledge by attending various courses relating to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. This shows that the childminder has a sound capacity for maintaining continuous improvement to outcomes for children.

## **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

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Met