

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 1989. She lives with her three adult children in a second floor flat in Dulwich, in London. There are shops, parks and schools within walking distance. All areas of the property are used for childminding apart from one bedroom. There is access to an outside play area.

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

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a clear understanding of safeguarding children in her care and of the procedures to follow if she has any concerns. She has documentation in place, including policies and procedures for uncollected or missing children, which she provides for parents. Her public liability insurance is in place, although her first aid certificate has expired. This is a breach of a specific legal requirement. There are records of risk assessments and the childminder has taken action to reduce risks indoors and outside her home so that children can play safely. She described how she responds to complaints and is aware of information she has to provide to the regulator. The childminder explained how she talks to children about keeping themselves safe and healthy. She has made hazards such as plug sockets safe to help protect children's welfare.

The childminder demonstrated a suitable understanding concerning equality and arranges activities that provide children with experiences of diversity, such as the celebration of festivals. She explained how she would value every child and has systems in place to provide care suited to their individual needs. The childminder explained how she uses documents such as her medication records and register to help meet these needs. Through discussion, the childminder explained how she is able to support children's healthy lifestyles through hygienic routines and a balanced menu of food and drink. She described how children benefit from exercise and play in the fresh air. The childminder adopts hygiene routines so that children learn self-care skills such as how and when to wash their hands.

The childminder has plenty of play resources which she makes easily accessible to children, so they can engage in a varied range of play. She explained how she builds supportive relationships with children by giving positive attention and encouragement. The childminder has an adequate knowledge of the welfare and learning and development requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Through discussion and documentation, the childminder explained how she supports children to develop and progress, using activities within and outside the home. She is aware of how to use sensitive, observational assessments to provide experiences suited to each child's development in order to plan for their progress. She has a selection of documentation and described how she uses this to support her close working with parents by sharing information to meet children's

individual needs. The childminder has good links with the local pre-school and school which enables her to work in partnership with others. The childminder demonstrated a secure understanding of her role and responsibilities regarding implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She has addressed the recommendation from the last inspection and has regularly completed and recorded evacuation drills. She attends training and makes use of support from the local authority to evaluate and update her practice. This demonstrates a suitable capacity to improve.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course by 31 July 2012 (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) . 31/07/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of children being cared for) . 31/07/2012

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- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of children being cared for) . 31/07/2012