

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 1995. She lives in the Peckham area of Southwark with her husband and three children aged over eight years. The ground floor of the home is used for childminding and the childminder takes children on frequent outings to local parks for outdoor play.

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 three children under eight years at any one time; of these, three may be in the early years age range. She is currently not minding any children in this age group. She also offers care to children in the older age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion the childminder demonstrated a clear understanding of her responsibility to protect children. She is confident about issues that would cause her concern and she has an up-to-date safeguarding policy in place. The childminder takes action to minimise risks inside and outside her home so children can play safely. The childminder has not maintained a paediatric first aid certificate, which is a breach of legal requirement; she is currently updating this so she can act appropriately in the event of a minor accident. She demonstrated a secure understanding of the need to evaluate her service to help improve her practice and outcomes for children. She is training to gain a qualification in childcare at level 3 and has attended training on safeguarding children. She has a policy in place for the inclusion of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and her knowledge of current childcare practice is up to date.

Resources are displayed on low-level units to support children's self-selection and promote their independence. The range of resources positively reflects diversity which enables the childminder to promote children's awareness of the world around them. The childminder explained how she works in partnership with parents. She seeks information from parents on children's background, abilities and development, so she can plan for their differing needs. The childminder is aware of the need to work in partnership with any other settings children may attend if the need arises.

The childminder has a sound knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She has attended training on observation and assessment and she demonstrates a sound understanding of the importance of observing children to plan for their next steps for learning. She clearly explained how she supports children's learning through a range of play experiences. For example, cooking activities where children learn about which food is healthy for them. The childminder described taking children on daily outings to the park to help them understand the benefits of adopting a health lifestyle. The childminder explained how she teaches children about personal hygiene through their normal daily routines. For example, by washing hands with soap and water and using individual

hand towels.

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 (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register).

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Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the Not Met (with compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: 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 the children being cared for)

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary 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 the children being cared for)