

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 2003. She lives with her two adult children and a lodger in a residential area of Chingford in the London Borough of Waltham Forest. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is available for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play.

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

The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. The family has a cat.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a sound awareness of safeguarding issues and procedures to promote children's welfare. She has useful contact numbers available enabling her to act in children's best interest should she have a concern. She holds a current first aid certificate to enable her to deal with any accidents promptly. The childminder's home is clean and well maintained. She carries out regular risk assessments of both the home and for outings, to further promote children's welfare. Additionally, appropriate systems are in place for the undertaking of fire drills. This means children would be able to develop a secure understanding of keeping themselves safe in any necessary emergency evacuation. The childminder understands the importance of providing an inclusive environment. She would obtain relevant information from parents about children's individual needs and backgrounds.

The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She has observation and assessment records to enable her to track children's progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder would also plan weekly activities reflecting the six areas of learning. This means children would be offered a range of experiences to support their learning and development. The childminder has an adequate range of resources to meet the needs of children in the early years age group. The childminder is aware of the importance of building positive relationships with parents. She would share information with parents about children's progress and play in different ways. She intends to share developmental records, use daily diaries and email. She also has a sound understanding of establishing links with other agencies to support and extend children's learning.

There are good displays in the home to remind children of the importance of hand

washing. The childminder has also drawn up a weekly menu to be displayed for parents to see. She intends to provide a varied range of freshly prepared meals to help children to develop a sound understanding about foods that are good for them. The childminder has implemented a number of policies and procedures to guide her practice and to promote children's welfare. She has maintained relevant documentation and it is readily available for inspection. The childminder has addressed the previous recommendation made at the last inspection. She understands the importance of evaluating her service. She has begun to use processes to identify strengths and any areas for further development. Additionally, parents' views would be obtained through the use of questionnaires. This demonstrates a sound capacity to maintain continuous improvement of the service she provides.

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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