



Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Valerie Jean Brown

Type of inspection	Childcare
Type of care	Childminding

ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.
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WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder has been registered since 1989.

She lives with her three adult children in a house located in the London Borough of Newham E7 in a residential road within easy walking distance of local transport facilities with schools and shops. The lounge and dining room are used for childminding purposes.

The garden is not available for outdoor play.

She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The childminder currently minds one child.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children obtain good health by washing hands before meals and after going to the toilet as part of children's daily routine and personal hygiene. The children maintained good health and hygiene from a clean and tidy environment with good standards of hygiene that are in place. Children gain good health from having a healthy nutritious diet that helps to restore their growth and development. The children's dietary needs, allergies and religious requirements are catered for and discussed with parents. Cultural foods are provided for children; fresh drinking water is provided for children daily. Food is stored at the correct temperature and the childminder has training in food and hygiene awareness. Children are keeping healthy, growing and developing well. All policies and procedures are in place.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The environment is warm, welcoming, safe and secure where sufficient space is provided for children to play creatively in a safe and caring home environment. All safety equipment and procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all children, however public liability insurance has expired. The children are taught how to be aware of safety both inside and outside of the home. The childminder demonstrated a good awareness of children's safety ensuring toys, equipment and premises are safe for children. A good selection of toys, play materials and equipment are provided to promote children's learning and understanding.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

A variety of activities are planned for children to develop knowledge and learn new skills to support their individual needs and help them develop their skills socially, their imagination and creatively. They are enjoying, achieving and learning. The children work well along with the childminder. Children have good behaviour within the home environment that helps them to become settled. Children's behaviour is managed sensitively and children are valued and respected individually.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are respected and treated with equal concern, they are warmly welcomed. However there is a limited range of resources to promote equal opportunity. The childminder demonstrated an understanding of special needs; she does not have experience working with special needs but has a sensitive approach towards caring for children with special needs. The children's behaviour is managed appropriately so that children understand boundaries. The children's cultural needs are catered for through providing cultural food. The childminder works closely with parents to provide a warm and caring home environment for children, ensuring that children's needs are met and information shared regularly regarding children's progress.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Policy and procedures are in place to promote the welfare and development of children and information is shared with parents to keep them well informed about the service and their child's activities. Children benefit from a caring background which helps to support their individual needs accordingly. The childminder attends relevant training to support children's learning. Overall, the provision meets the needs of children who attend.

Improvements since the last inspection

The childminder has made significant improvements that promote children's good health and welfare by increasing knowledge of notifiable infectious diseases. Childminder has provided good use of space and the storage of toys, to allow accessibility for the children. The childminder has increased her knowledge of procedures regarding allegations of child protection issues.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should

take account of the following recommendation(s):

- Obtain public liability insurance
- Provide a range of resources that promote positive images of Equality of opportunity

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