



Inspection report for early years provision

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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.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder has been registered since 1992 she lives with her husband, adult daughter; daughter aged 14 years and adult son. In a house located in the London Borough of Newham. The Lounge is used for childminding purposes. The childminder is registered to provide care for three children.

There is a garden available for outside play

There are two children on roll

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children's health is well promoted where they learn to maintain good standards of hygiene practice. For example, learning to wash their hands before meals, after going to the toilet and after activities as part of their personal hygiene. They are taught not to eat anything that is dirty from the floor. Their health is protected by the childminder cleaning the environment daily to prevent germs from spreading.

The children are provided with a variety of healthy, balanced and nutritious meals with fresh fruit and drinks regularly available. The children's individual dietary needs are discussed with the parents regarding any allergies and religious requirements.

All policies and procedures related to promoting children's health are in place such as accident, medication and incident books and a first aid kit. The childminder attends first aid training to develop her knowledge which helps to safeguard children's health.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a safe and welcoming environment. Adequate space is available for children to play and move around freely within the home. They have access to a range of toys and equipment which is safe, easily accessible and kept in good condition. However, toys and equipment are limited to meet the developmental needs of children from 3 to 8 years. The children attend nursery where they have access to other resources that help to promote their learning.

There is a sufficient range of safety equipment in place to ensure children's safety such as smoke alarm, fire blanket, socket covers and public liability insurance. Children are taught the awareness of safety on how to cross the road by holding hands. They learn not to talk to strangers when they are outdoors. The children are supervised both inside and outside of the home, by the childminder to ensure their safety at all times. Young children are strapped in buggies when they are out to make sure they are safe.

The children are protected by the childminder's clear understanding of child protection issues. She knows to follow procedures if there are concerns and can recognise the signs and symptoms of child abuse.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

The children take part in a broad range of activity to develop their creative, imaginative and social skills depending on their age and abilities. They enjoy

activities such as nursery rhymes, reading, singing, painting, collage, dressing up, play dough, creative activities, colouring, writing, numbers and alphabets. They watch educational programmes that help children to learn and gain skills in their development and make progress. They use play dough to cut out different kinds of shapes such as circles, triangles and squares. The children learn independence on how to tidy their toys away after each activity.

The children communicate and interact well with the childminder. They seem happy, well settled, confident and are achieving in their learning. The children benefit from attending nursery with regular trips to the parks and develop their social skills and learn about the environment around them.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are respected and valued as individuals and are treated with equal concern, however there is limited range of multicultural resources available to promote positive images of diversity. Children are encouraged to look at books to learn about different cultural background. The childminder attended equal opportunities awareness training to help children gain awareness. The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of special needs and has a sensitive approach.

The children's behaviour is managed very well, the childminder clearly explains right from wrong to children depending on the age of the child. Children's behaviour is discussed with the parent, when children misbehave they are given time out. Praises and rewards are given to children when their behaviour is good. Children learn please and thank you.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

The children are safe and settled within the home environment where space is organised well allowing children to move and play freely to access resources that support their learning.

There are effective policies and procedures in place to promote the welfare of children such as accident, medication and incident books, register of attendance, public liability insurance and childminding contracts.

The childminder has completed a wide range of training such as first aid training, training for Foundation Stage, business success for childcare and training for early years. All of which help children to benefit from her skills and experience.

The setting is meeting the needs for the range of children for whom she provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

The childminder has now improved the security of the perimeter fence in the garden. She has replenished and maintained the first aid box resources.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection. The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints recorded may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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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):

- provide a suitable range of toys and activities, in order to meet the developmental needs of children from 3 to 8 years.
- provide an appropriate range of resources that promote equality and anti-discriminatory practice

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