

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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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 was registered in 1998. She lives with her husband and two adult children in a house in Petts Wood, London Borough of Bromley. There is level access to the home and there are parking facilities nearby. Children use all rooms downstairs including the conservatory, which leads to a level, fully enclosed garden. Children use the first floor to access the toilet and bathroom and one bedroom for sleeping. The childminder has one cat.

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 six children at any one time, of these three may be in the early years age range. The childminder is currently minding four children in the older age group who attend before and after school during weekdays and occasionally during school holidays. The childminder does not have any children on roll in the early years age group.

The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local parent/toddler groups and takes children to the local parks.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of safeguarding children and is generally aware of the procedure to follow if she has child protection concerns. Her home is safe and secure with daily checks correcting any hazards. She ensures all members of her family have up-to-date Criminal Records Bureau checks. The childminder has a first aid box and a valid first aid qualification is in place, with a new course planned.

The childminder demonstrates her sound understanding of the early learning goals to support children in making progress in their learning. She is aware of the requirements to observe and assess children's learning and has systems in place to do so. She explains how she is able to adapt and be flexible according to children's interests, covering both indoor and outdoor activities. For example, by providing children opportunities to engage in role play, messy play and take part in physical exercise in the garden. Trips to the local park also allow children to play football and feed the ducks. The childminder demonstrates a positive approach to equality and diversity. The wide range of resources and activities supports inclusiveness. She describes how she promotes positive behaviour and manners through gentle support and guidance. Through discussion, the childminder explains how she establishes the partnership with parents and other settings or professionals through sharing information to meet children's individual needs. She maintains appropriate records on children, as well as public liability insurance.

The childminder recognises the need to maintain continuous improvement in order to bring about better outcomes for the children. She explains how she met recommendations made at her last inspection. Through self-evaluation, she demonstrates some awareness of her strengths and areas to improve and is

interested to attend further training.

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:

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:

- make available to parents copies of the written statement of safeguarding procedures (Providing information to parents) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 07/04/2012

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 compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Providing information for parents). 07/04/2012