

Inspection report for early years provision

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| <b>Inspector</b>               | Maxine Rose      |
| <b>Type of inspection</b>      | Childcare        |
| <b>Type of care</b>            | 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 was registered in 2007. She lives with her partner and three children aged 11, nine, five years. The family live in a three-bedroom flat in Bow area in the London borough of Tower Hamlets. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of two children at any one time and is currently minding two children under five during the day and one child over five after school.

### THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

#### Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have access to the garden area where they enjoy fresh air and a range of physical activities. Children are provided with meals throughout the day. Occasionally meals do not contain fresh fruit or vegetables and therefore not always nutritiously balanced for children. Drinking water is readily available for the children. This keeps the children hydrated throughout the day. The childminder's routine involves cleaning the home and ensuring the children are

kept clean. This helps to reduce cross infection. The childminder does not have a current first aid certificate. She demonstrates some appropriate knowledge in managing minor accidents. The childminder has appropriate procedures in place for managing medication, sick children and emergency treatment. This enables children to receive appropriate medical care if needed.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

The children enjoy using a range of early years learning toys and equipment that are safe and in suitable condition. Children are kept safe in the home by the childminder's close supervision of them and practical safety arrangements for their arrival and collection. The children are made aware of areas that are unsafe to play through clear boundaries such as socket covers. The childminder demonstrates a clear commitment to safeguarding children's welfare in most areas. She maintains a record of children's attendance, accidents and has a clear understanding of safeguarding procedures. The childminder has a fire evacuation procedure but it lacks detail and she is yet to implement this to ensure it works effectively.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is good.

Children are relaxed and settled in the childminder's home. They have easy access to most resources and choose from a fair range of toys, equipment and resources helping them to develop their independence. The childminder develops children's confidence by talking to them, praising them and giving them cuddles. The children enjoy looking at books and imaginary play the childminder extends their experience by taking the children to the local library where they listen to stories. The children enjoy further opportunities to socialise with others outside the home for example when visiting a local playgroup.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is good.

The children enjoy a warm relationship with the childminder. They are friendly and well behaved. All children are included in the full range of activities. They can choose from a selection of resources that positively reflect diversity thereby developing children's understanding of the wider world. The childminder works closely with the parents to provide consistent care for the children. This helps to ensure children with learning difficulties and disabilities receive practical support. Children enjoy meals that meet their dietary requirements. At times children's sleeping arrangements do not ensure they have appropriate sleeping facilities to meet their individual needs. They gain a sense of belonging as they become familiar in the childminder's home and make independent choices from the range of play equipment that is easily accessible to them.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

The children are familiar with the daily routine. This helps the children to feel secure and settle well in the childminder's home. They access most resources easily as low level shelves and containers are used to store children's play equipment such as puzzles, books and construction sets. Children have access to a fair amount of space to move around easily and express their ideas during their play. Almost all the necessary documentation is in place to promote the welfare and care of the children with the exception of a current first aid certificate and the

implementation of the fire evacuation procedure. There are also some shortcomings with meals provided for children and sleeping arrangements. The setting meets the needs of the range of children to whom care is provided.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

Since the last inspection the childminder was given three actions to address. These are as follows, notify Ofsted of significant changes to household, keep a record of children's attendance, maintain a record of children's personal background. The childminder has addressed all the above requirements. This helps to ensure children's welfare is appropriately safeguarded.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

Since the last inspection there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record 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):

- obtain a current first aid certificate
- develop and implement a fire evacuation procedure
- ensure children are provided with nutritiously balanced meals
- ensure children have appropriate facilities for sleep and rest time

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