

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 was registered in 2003. She lives with her three children aged 20, 13 and four years. The childminder lives in Hanwell, in the London borough of Ealing. The whole house is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years. Of these, two may be in the early years age range with no more than one under one year at any time. At the time of inspection, there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Through discussion, the childminder explained her understanding of safeguarding children issues and what to do if she had concerns about a child. She carries out risk assessments of her home and garden to help identify and address any potential hazards. She described how she will help children learn to keep themselves safe, for example, when crossing the road on outings. The childminder explained how she intends to promote children's health through the teaching of suitable hygiene practices. Her sample menu demonstrates how she plans to provide nutritious foods for children. They will also be encouraged to learn about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through daily outdoor play. The childminder was able to explain how she intends to keep the range of age-appropriate toys and resources accessible and in a safe and suitable condition. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate and valid public liability insurance.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of equality and diversity. She explained how she will promote an inclusive practice. She described how she will support children in having pride in their own culture and learning to respect others. The childminder explained appropriate methods of managing children's behaviour in a positive way. The childminder has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and was able to explain how children will engage in activities that will aid their progression. Activities that will be offered include singing, painting, physical play in the garden and visits to the local park. The childminder was able to describe how she will support children's individual learning needs, based on their starting points, through a cycle of observation, assessment and planning.

The childminder understands how to work in partnership with parents. She has considered how she will share information with parents about children's progress and will explain how planned activities link into the six areas of learning. The childminder is also aware of the necessity to work with other early years providers in settings that may share the care of the children.

The childminder has systems in place to help her fulfil her requirements for record

keeping. She has given consideration to the process of improvement through a method of self-evaluation, which may help her identify any weaknesses in her service. The childminder understands the importance of reflecting on her practice as a way of achieving continuous improvement. She plans to use this to improve outcomes for children.

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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