



Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Salma Raquib

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.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder lives with her family in a three bedroom maisonette in a block of flats in Dulwich. Childminding takes place in the entire ground floor consisting of the living room, hallway, utility room and the kitchen. There is a garden. Children are also taken to a number of outdoor facilities in the local area. The family has no pets.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are provided with a varied range of activities which contribute to their health. Children have access to outdoor activities, for example regular visits to local park and playgrounds to improve children's physical development.

Children are cared for in a warm, clean home where they are taught about the importance of hygiene and personal care. They wash their hands before eating and after going to the toilet to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Children learn about the importance of personal hygiene through well planned daily routines and discussion.

The childminder takes account of the wishes of children and offers choices to provide nutritious snacks to meet individual needs

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a safe, secure environment where they are able to move around freely and independently.

Children select activities from a range of toys and equipment which are safe. Toys are safe and appropriate for their age and stage of development. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate and has an understanding of child protection procedures, however, the First Aid Certificate was not available during the inspection as it was misplaced

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are able to access books and play materials easily and make choices about which activity they wish to do. Childminder organises her time well to satisfactorily meet the needs of the children. The importance of play is demonstrated by the childminder as children are provided with a varied range of activities which contribute to their development.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The resources available enable children to become aware of the wider world. Children learn about other faiths, cultures and disability through discussion, books and regular outings to other resources. Children have a sense of belonging and are valued as individuals. They experience positive behaviour management as a result they behave well. Children make themselves at home and their needs are met through daily discussion with parents.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children have use of the kitchen/dinning area, hallway, living room and supervised access to the garden for their activities and outings are included within the daily routine. Childrens' needs are met effectively by keeping contracts and through regular discussion with parents. However, the childminder does not keep accurate recording of children's arrival and departure times and the contract does not include written information regarding the exclusion of children who are sick. Overall, the provision meets the needs of the children who attend

Improvements since the last inspection

Complaints since the last inspection

None.

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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):

- develop knowledge and understanding of Birth to Three Matters
- make sure all records, policies and procedures are in place and readily accessible

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