

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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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 registered in 2004. She lives with her three children aged seven 10 and 11 years. They live in a three-bedroom terraced house in Harlesden, in the London Borough of Brent. The ground floor and first floor of the house are used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The family has a Staffordshire bull terrier dog.

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 a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time; of these, two may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder holds the CACHE Diploma in Home-based Childcare at level 3.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has sufficient knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework requirements to enable her to meet the needs of children. The childminder has a suitable knowledge of child protection issues. She knows the appropriate steps to take should she have a concern about a child in her care. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates how she provides a safe environment for children. She describes how she teaches them about potential hazards around them to promote their safety as they play. The childminder has appropriate methods for reducing the risk of the spread of infection. She explains how she supports children in leading healthy lifestyles through enjoyable trips to the park. The childminder demonstrates a suitable knowledge of how to promote children's positive behaviour through clear house rules and expectations. She is aware of the need to raise children's positive awareness of diversity. The childminder describes how she supports all children. She helps them to feel valued and included by talking to them and encouraging them to share their own home experiences.

The childminder describes how she plans and provides an appropriate range of activities and experiences each day to support children's learning. She has a suitable range of toys that she will rotate regularly to support children's interests and development. The childminder explains how she observes children as they play to help her identify next steps in their learning so that she can support their progress. She is aware of need to link with other providers to promote continuity in children's care and learning.

The childminder describes how she will work in partnership with parents and carers to meet children's individual needs. She explains that she obtains all the necessary information about children's individual care and learning needs from new parents. The childminder uses daily discussion with parents to share information and keep each other up to date. She has all the necessary documentation to help her meet the legal requirements and support children's welfare.

The childminder demonstrates a sound capacity to maintain continuous improvement to her provision. She has met the recommendation made at her last inspection. The childminder attends training to improve her knowledge and skills. She is aware of the need to evaluate her practice. She accesses support and information about changes in childcare from other childminders and websites.

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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