

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 2006. She lives with her husband and two children aged eight and 12 years in the London Borough of Greenwich close to shops, parks, library and public transport links. The whole of the property is used for childminding, with the exception of the loft room. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a dog and three guinea pigs as pets.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. There were no children on roll at the time of the inspection. The childminder holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sound awareness of child protection issues and the safeguarding procedures to follow if she has a concern. She has adopted a range of safety measures that show her awareness of how to keep children safe. For example, she uses risk assessments well to identify any potential hazards to children and has taken appropriate action to reduce these. Most of the required documents are in place and ready for use, including systems for recording children's attendance, accidents and medication administered. However, the childminder has failed to ensure that her provision continuously carries public liability insurance. This is a breach of the specific legal requirement.

The environment is welcoming and there is a balance of equipment and toys that are safe and appropriate to support children's learning and development. The childminder has a sound understanding of suitable procedures to promote children's good health. She has considered the need to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. She is also aware to ensure that food and drink for children is nutritious and complies with parent's wishes. The childminder maintains a current first aid certificate.

The childminder has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements and guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates a sound awareness of the use of planning and assessments in helping children to make progress in all six areas of learning. She is aware of the different strategies to manage children's behaviour and understands the importance of valuing each child as an individual. The childminder understands the need to engage with parents. She explains what information is needed to best meet the care and learning needs for each child. The childminder demonstrates a willingness to work in partnership with other professionals to promote the welfare and development of children, taking into account their differing needs.

The childminder has taken positive action to secure improvements. She has implemented changes such as updating her written policies and procedures in line with current legislation. The childminder has successfully accessed training to

improve her understanding of the Early years Foundation Stage. This demonstrates her commitment to continuous improvement and development.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- obtain public liability insurance (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 10/04/2012

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:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Insurance) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 10/04/2012

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 early years section of the report (Insurance) (also applies to the compulsory part of the Childcare Register) 10/04/2012