

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 was registered in 2006. She lives with her husband and three children age one, four and eight years in the London Borough of Southwark. They live close to shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The childminder's home is situated on the first floor of a block of flats. There is no lift available. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding, with the exception of the master bedroom.

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 whom no more than one may be in the early years age range. There were no children on roll at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge and understanding of child protection issues. She is aware of the safeguarding children procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. The childminder shows her awareness of how to keep children safe through the carrying out of risk assessments. She takes reasonable steps to minimise any potential hazards to children inside her home. Most of the required documents are in place and ready for use. These include systems for recording children's attendance, accidents and any medication administered. However, the childminder has failed to ensure that she continuously carries public liability insurance. This is a breach of a specific legal requirement.

The childminder makes the environment welcoming for children. The furniture, equipment and toys are safe and suitable for the needs of children. The childminder has a sound understanding of appropriate procedures that help promote children's health. She explains that she takes positive steps to prevent the spread of infection. These include appropriate measures when children are ill. She understands the need to help ensure that food and drink are nutritious. The childminder complies with parents' wishes and meets children's dietary requirements. The childminder maintains a current first aid certificate.

The childminder has a secure knowledge of how children develop and learn. She takes into account their differing needs and understands the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. The childminder explains how she uses different strategies to manage children's behaviour in order to promote their welfare and development. The childminder describes how she embraces diversity. She provides resources and activities that help children learn to value differences. She demonstrates how she would use planning and assessments to help children make progress in all six areas of learning. The childminder understands the need to engage with parents. She describes how she would work in partnership with parents and other professionals to promote the welfare and development of children. She talks about keeping parents informed about her setting and their

child through sharing her written policies and procedures and discussing children's progress.

The childminder shows a capacity to maintain continuous improvement. She receives support from the local authority early years coordinator. Through this system of support, the childminder has successfully accessed training to improve her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The childminder is beginning to evaluate her service. She has implemented changes such as updating her written policies and procedures in line with current legislation. She has completed risk assessments of places she intends to take children to. The childminder has developed systems to monitor and evaluate children's learning 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:

- carry public liability insurance (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 09/04/2012

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) 09/04/2012

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) 09/04/2012