

Inspection report for early years provision

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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 was registered in 2006. She lives with her child, aged under five years old, in Hounslow, in the London Borough of Hounslow. She is registered for five children under the age of eight and there are currently two children on roll. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's home, the bathroom and two bedrooms on the first floor are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder has two cats.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Through discussion and records the childminder demonstrates that children are provided with a diet that is healthy and nutritious and meets children's individual needs. She encourages children to eat five portions of fresh fruit and vegetable daily. She is aware of the importance of offering drinks regularly throughout the day so that children do not become dehydrated. She records children's food intake into daily diaries so parents are well informed about their children's food and drink intake.

Children are protected from cross infection and appropriate procedures are in place if a child became unwell. Systems are in place should the child need medication, however these are not wholly secure. Parental consent for emergency medical care is in place so that children can access the treatment they need in an emergency.

The childminder talks about children having regular exercise as they use a range of play equipment mainly in the play park as the childminder is not using her garden at this time.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder has a common sense approach to safety and states that she supervises children well. She has risk assessed her home and most safety features are in place, for example, children do not have access to hazardous areas such as the kitchen area unless supervised by the childminder. However, not all low level glass is safe and is a potential hazard to children. Cleaning materials and medication are kept out of reach of children. A fire emergency procedure is in place and practised with older children. Play resources are organised in a manner which helps to promote children's free choice. They are of good quality, sufficient in quantity and easily accessible.

The childminder showed a sound knowledge of procedures to be followed if she had a concern about the welfare of a child.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how children learn and develop. She is familiar with the Birth to three matters framework and has begun to use this to monitor children's progress. She states that at times, she plans activities for the children to undertake that they will enjoy. At other times the play is spontaneous with the children deciding what they would like to play with.

Photographs and portfolios and discussion reflect that the children are involved in a broad range of activities such as cooking, physical activities and drawing and painting.

Children are given the opportunity to socialise with other children as they go to a local toddler group.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder showed a sound knowledge of behaviour management and has recently completed a behaviour management course. She is able to demonstrate how she would approach a variety of situations for children of different ages.

Discussion reflects that the childminder is able to provide a range of opportunities for children to explore and learn to value diversity.

The childminder understands the importance of working closely with parents and provides them with a range of policies and procedures which help them understand her procedures and practice.

Through daily diaries and portfolio work parents are provided with information about their child's development.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder's home is well organised and she demonstrates through discussion and a range of photographs that she is able to provide children with different areas to play in. The childminder states that she plans her day around the children's needs, allowing time for play, sleep, school runs and meal times. All required documentation is in place, and most is used effectively. At the inspection there are no minded children present.

Overall, evidence suggests that the provision would meet the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

The childminder demonstrates that she is committed to providing good quality childcare as since registration she has completed a number of workshops to increase her knowledge and develop her child care skills.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since the registration there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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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):

- review the procedures for the safe administration of medication
- ensure that low level glass is not a hazard to children

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