

## 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*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

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 2007. She lives with her three children in Hainault, which is in the London Borough of Redbridge. The home is within easy reach of public transport links. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. 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 five children aged under eight years at any one time; of these, two children may be in the early years age range. There are no children in the early years age group on roll at present.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of safeguarding issues. She understands the importance of following the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures in the event of any concerns. All necessary policies and procedures are in place to help ensure the effective and efficient management of the setting. The childminder states that she routinely shares these with parents to help them make informed decisions about their child's care. The childminder describes how she conducts basic risk assessments and takes action to manage or eliminate risks for children. She explains that she practises the procedure for evacuating her home regularly. Records show that she tests the smoke alarms once a month. This was a recommendation made at the last inspection and demonstrates a capacity to make continuous improvement.

The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates through discussion and her documentation how to provide a broad range of experiences in tune with children's interests and capabilities. The childminder describes how she creates a learning environment that supports children's progression towards the early learning goals. The available space is appropriately organised. The childminder has a range of play materials that are interesting and suitable for different ages and stages of development. The childminder is committed to helping children learn about equality and diversity. She describes how she promotes traditional days and festivals. The childminder explains that she provides children with clear expectations on behaviour and how to stay safe. She understands the need to treat children with respect and to provide consistency.

The childminder explains how she maintains a friendly but professional relationship with parents. She describes how she shares children's progress records and uses informal chats about the day when parents collect their children. The childminder informally reflects on her daily practice in order to sustain continuous improvement. Documentation show that she attends training regularly to help her keep informed of changes in legislation. Through training she is developing a better understanding of child development and how best to support children's learning. However, her first aid certificate has expired, which is a breach of a legal requirement. She completed the first session recently but unforeseen circumstances prevented her completing the course. A recommendation made at

the last inspection to increase resources has been addressed. In addition, the outdoor play space has been risk assessed to identify and minimise risks to children. The childminder understands the importance of working with other professionals and childcare providers. She knows to make links to help children reach their full potential and provide consistency of 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:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 02/07/2012

## 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 (Welfare of the children being cared for). 02/07/2012

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