

Inspection report for early years provision

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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 registered in 2007. She lives with her child, aged twelve years old, in Catford within the London Borough of Lewisham. All areas of the property are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for six children under eight years old, and there are currently no children on roll.

No children on roll

When a provider does not have children on roll at the time of the inspection, inspection judgements are based on evidence gathered from discussions with the provider and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. As there are no children on roll, the quality of the provision cannot be judged better than satisfactory because there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how children's good health is promoted. For example, children wash their hands before meals and after using the bathroom. She has systems in place to gather information from parents regarding medical needs and records for recording accidents and medication administered to children. The childminder has updated her knowledge in first aid. There is a first aid box in place. The childminder talks about taking children to the local park for regular exercise and fresh air.

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the need to provide children with regular meals and drinks that meet children's nutritional needs. Records of meals provided for children were seen and included a healthy menu. For instance, daily meals include fresh fruits and vegetables. She talks about making smoothies from fresh fruits and understands the need to have drinking water accessible at all times.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder demonstrates an understanding of providing children with a warm and welcoming atmosphere within the home. She talks about keeping children safe through close supervision inside and outside of the home. There is a garden for outdoor play. However, the garden fence is not secure. She has the appropriate safety equipment, such as safety gates, fire blanket and smoke alarms.

The childminder talks about providing children with age appropriate play materials, that are in good condition and meet safety standards.

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of child protection issues. She explains the procedures she would take if she had concerns about a child and is aware of her responsibility to protect the welfare of the child.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder talks about providing children with a range of different play experiences, that are interesting and stimulating. She explained the need to provide children with a range of activities according to their age and needs. She talks about taking children on outings within the local community. For example, children walk to the local park. The childminder demonstrates the importance of keeping children entertained throughout the day and provides, painting, books, puzzles and art and craft activities. The childminder talks about providing children with opportunities to sing songs and take part in drama activities, through outside agencies coming into the home. She demonstrate the need for children to socialise with others and takes children to the local playgroup and library. The childminder explained how she organises play materials in a manner which helps to promote children's free choice. They are sufficient in quality and easily accessible.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder talks about providing children with opportunities to investigate other cultures and religious beliefs through celebration of different festivals. Play materials reflect positive images of differences. The childminder talks about being aware of children's individual needs and would incorporate children's likes and dislikes into her daily routine. The childminder demonstrates an understanding of behaviour management and explains the use of age appropriate behaviour strategies. For example, she would remove young children from a situation and have discussions with older children. The childminder talks about working in partnership with parents to make sure children's needs are met. There are daily records in place for the last two children and details of communication between the childminder and parent.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder demonstrates the need to keep Ofsted informed of any relevant changes. There have been no changes to the household members since registration. The childminder is aware of the duty to ensure that other people living or working on the premises are suitable to be in contact with children. The childminder talks about the importance of working within her constraints of the conditions relating to her registration. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder talks about providing children with organised space and resources to best meet the needs of the children. The childminder holds a Level 3 qualification in childcare. There are policies and procedures in place. There are systems for recording children's arrival and departure times. Overall, evidence suggests that the provision would meet the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

First inspection

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 have procedures for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and to keep a record of complaints and their outcome.

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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):

- There are no recommendations raised, as children were not on roll at the time of inspection.

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