

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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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 2007. She lives with her family, including three children over 12 years, in Peckham, London Borough of Southwark. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time, all of whom may be in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll when this inspection took place.

The childminder holds a recognised childcare qualification.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has safeguarding and child protection procedures in place. She attends safeguarding training every two years, has current supporting documentation and knows what to do if she has a concern about a child. She carries out risk assessments on a regular basis, and a clear record is kept. This ensures, as far as possible, that children's play spaces and outings are safe. A planned emergency evacuation procedure is in place and would be practised with all children. The childminder's first aid training is up to date to ensure she knows how to care for a child in an emergency.

The childminder is a qualified nursery nurse and an experienced childminder. She keeps all her written documentation, policies and procedures up to date. The childminder attends regular courses and workshops to ensure she keeps herself informed on current childcare practices. She is a member of a childminding network and has regular contact with her network coordinator.

The childminder knows how to use reflective practice to evaluate her provision. She explains that she would listen to the views of others such as parents and the network coordinator to identify priorities for development and improvements. The childminder prefers to provide children with meals and snacks. She states that she wants to ensure they are having healthy, nourishing, well-balanced meals. However, she is also happy to accommodate parents who wish to provide their own food for their children.

The childminder has a wide range of toys and resources, across all ages and stages of development. These resources include a broad selection providing positive images of the diversity of society. She has a very good understanding of the areas of learning and the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. She has past paperwork that shows how she records observations and assessments on children, enabling her to identify their next steps for future planning. The childminder explains that she would use a contact book with parents and encourage them to share in their child's observations and assessments. She would provide parents with photographs of their children taking part in activities which support the observations. The childminder understands the importance of working with other settings involved in the care of the children to help provide

consistent care for each child

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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