

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 2007. She lives with her partner and four children in Bellingham, in the London Borough of Lewisham. The whole of the childminder's house is used for childminding. There are local parks and play centres for outdoor and physical play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of two children at any one time, both of whom may be in the early years age group. The childminder is not currently minding any children. The childminder walks/drives to local schools to take and collect children. The family has a cat and some tropical fish.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a well-developed knowledge of the local safeguarding children procedures. She has a suitable policy that she would share with parents to inform them of her duty of care to their children. She provides evidence to show she has carried out risk assessments of her home and states this would be updated when new children start. There are systems available to make firm agreements with the parents; for example, forms to seek written permissions for the procedures that require them, contracts and child record forms for detailing children's individual needs. The childminder maintains a current first aid certificate which means she would be able to deal with any minor accidents.

The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She explains what activities she would implement to promote children's learning and development in all six areas. There are learning journals ready to record details of children's progress and the childminder explains she would share these with parents to involve them in children's learning. There is a range of toys and resources to support children's development. The childminder explains how she would work in partnership with parents and other agencies caring for children. She states she would give lots of verbal feedback as well as sharing the observations she makes. Links with the staff at other settings would be established as necessary to discuss children's progress on a regular basis.

The childminder understands the importance of self-evaluation and demonstrates a sound capacity to assess her strengths and areas to develop to support her continuous development. She has addressed the recommendations set at her previous inspection, which has developed her practice and helped her to improve outcomes for children. The childminder describes how she will help children to learn about different festivals from other cultures, for example by taking part in celebrations of various religious events to reinforce children's understanding of people's differences. There is a good range of resources to help children to learn about equality and to value diversity. This demonstrates that she recognises the importance of operating an inclusive setting.

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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