



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.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. Ofsted judges that the provider remains suitable to provide care.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 2003. She lives with her two children aged 13 and 7 years old in Peterborough close to local shops, schools and parks.

The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children at any one time. There are no children currently on roll. The family do not have any pets.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are able to use a warm, clean and comfortable environment where they can learn the importance of good hygiene. The childminder encourages children to wash their hands before eating, and after using the toilet, to help them learn and develop good hygiene habits.

Children are provided with a balanced meal to help them remain healthy as the childminder takes account of the wishes of the parents to meet individual special diets. The children are able to play outside, and go for regular walks, to assist in the development of their physical skills and learn control of their bodies.

Children's medical needs are partially met. The childminder has the required documentation to ensure accidents and medication are recorded. However, she does not have written permission from the parents for emergency treatment or permission to administer prescribed medication. Consequently, children's welfare is not fully safeguarded.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are able to independently access and use a sufficient range of safe, and well-maintained, resources. They are able to move around the house safely as the childminder has ensured that risks, both indoors and outside, are minimized.

The children are appropriately protected by the childminder. She has a good understanding of her role and responsibility in the safeguarding of children, holds a first-aid certificate, and has completed several courses on child protection procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for appropriately. They are able to take part in different creative activities such as baking, painting, and art and craft work, to help develop their physical and creative skills. They enjoy local walks, and visits to the library, to help extend their knowledge of the world around them. Children's individual needs are met, as the childminder plans the day, to provide quiet times when children can relax after a day at nursery or school. Children social skills are developed as they learn to

play, and interact with other children, at social groups.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are valued and respected by the childminder who treats each child as an individual. Children are able to learn about the diverse society within which we live, as resources such as books and dolls are provided to reflect a positive view of the wider world.

Children are encouraged to learn right from wrong as clear rules and boundaries are set and they are given clear explanations regarding behaviour expectations. Children with special educational needs would be well supported by the childminder who has a wide range of experience in this area.

Children's individual needs are satisfactorily met as the childminder discusses details with parents at the beginning of the placement. The childminder would ensure that parents are kept fully informed, about their child's day, through daily verbal and written feedback. This enables parents to be involved with their child's achievements and progress and supports children's development and learning.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children's needs are effectively supported in a well-organised environment. The childminder maintains her documentation in an organised file to ensure that she can effectively provide a good service to the children and their parents. This means children can feel relaxed and settled.

The childminder has completed all the required courses to enable her to meet the children and their parents needs.

Overall, the provision meets the needs of the range of the children for whom the service provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable as this is the childminder's first inspection since registration.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration Ofsted has received no complaints about this provider.

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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):

- ensure parents give written consent for emergency medical treatment and prior written consent for the administration of medication.

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