

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 1994. She lives with her adult and teenage sons in a ground floor maisonette in Penge, in the London Borough of Bromley. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding, together with the first floor bathroom. There is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for three children under eight years at any one time. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder is only available to care for children during the school holidays or at the weekends.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder describes a good awareness of the correct procedures and practices to keep children safe. She demonstrates a clear understanding of the safeguarding process to follow if she has a concern about a child in her care. Regular risk assessments are carried out to identify hazards in the childminder's home and for outings. The childminder shares relevant documentation she holds in order to promote safeguarding for children. This includes records of attendance, accidents and medication as well as consent to seek emergency treatment.

The childminder is committed to meeting the unique needs of children. She explains her process of gaining relevant information about their likes and dislikes, as well as their background, to meet their individual needs. The childminder describes a range of activities to promote inclusion and children's understanding of diversity and equality in society. This includes providing experiences to celebrate different festivals and cultures. The childminder has a range of resources, toys and equipment including those that promote positive images of diversity and disabilities.

The childminder has experience of providing a programme of activities and experiences that support children of all ages, in all areas of learning. She explains her systems to observe, assess and plan for children's ongoing progress within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder understands the importance of working alongside families and other agencies for continuity of care. The childminder explains how to promote healthy lifestyles by providing freshly prepared and cooked meals reflecting children's individual dietary needs. She demonstrates a clear understanding of using praise and encouragement to promote positive behaviour.

The childminder discusses that she attends ongoing training to keep her skills and knowledge up to date. She demonstrates a clear knowledge of her strengths and areas to improve by discussing how she evaluates the effectiveness of her service. All recommendations from the previous inspection have been met, demonstrating a commitment towards continuous improvement.

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

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