

Inspection date	23 January 2015
Previous inspection date	3 December 2008

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder has an excellent understanding of how children learn. She provides a vast range of high-quality learning experiences for children, both inside and out. As a result, children are enthusiastic and eager to explore and learn.
- Children's personal, social and emotional development and their communication and language are supported exceptionally well. The childminder promotes children's independence extremely well, increasing their confidence and self-esteem.
- Children's behaviour is excellent. The childminder encourages children to make the right choices and to consider the feelings of others. Consequently, children are learning to manage their own behaviour and build positive relationships with their friends.
- The childminder provides excellent opportunities for children to experience and learn about how to keep themselves healthy. Children enjoy healthy snacks and meals and daily opportunities to exercise and play outdoors.
- The childminder builds exceptional relationships with children. Children feel very safe and secure in her care; therefore they are confident to play and explore.
- The childminder demonstrates a very strong commitment to promoting a high-quality provision for the children. Since the last inspection, the childminder has completed a formal childcare qualification; she continues to further her extensive knowledge and experience with additional training courses.
- Partnership with parents is very positive and strong. This means parents are well-informed about the progress of their child's learning and development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- extend the opportunities to encourage children to think and problem solve further by using open ended questions.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home, both inside and in the garden.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documents, policies and procedures, and the childminder's self-evaluation.
- The inspector took account of parents' written comments.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is outstanding

The childminder provides an extensive range of resources and activities, which enable children to develop a thirst for learning. For example, children's interest in the ice in the garden leads them to explore the properties of ice and how they can make it melt. Children eagerly use their imagination to create their own play, skilfully supported by the childminder. The childminder makes very good use of questions to help children think and extend their learning opportunities. On rare occasions, she misses opportunities to develop this further. Children play and interact extremely positively with one another. They make excellent progress in their communication and language development as there is a constant flow of conversation with the childminder. The childminder uses all opportunities to help initiate fun learning experiences. As a result, children's progress across all areas of learning and development is excellent. The system for observing, assessing and planning for children's future learning is precise and sharply focused on the interests and needs of each child. The childminder shares this information with parents on a regular basis so that children's learning can be supported at home.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is outstanding

Children are extremely happy and settled in the care of the childminder. The childminder gets to know the children very well and they enjoy her cuddles, praise and consistent support. Children benefit from the exciting activities the childminder provides outside in the garden and the many outings they go on. Children enthusiastically build dens and create their own recipes in the mud kitchen as they enjoy being active outside in the fresh air. The childminder provides nutritional home-cooked meals and snacks, which meet the dietary needs of the children and contributes to their understanding of how to keep themselves healthy. Children are very confident as the childminder provides them with many opportunities to be independent both in their self-care skills and play experiences. This helps to prepare children for their move onto nursery or school.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is outstanding

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to safeguard children. She carries out regular risk assessments on her home and when on outings. The childminder also involves the children in helping to keep themselves and the home safe and secure, for example, children help to sweep away the ice on the patio so nobody slips on it. Thorough self-evaluation, including parents' views helps the childminder identify and address areas for development. Children are central to her evaluations and their views are sought on a daily basis. The childminder has improved her system for assessment and planning. She has an excellent understanding of how to provide challenging activities and monitor children's progress.

Setting details

Unique reference number	121624
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	840389
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	3 December 2008
Telephone number	

The childminder, registered in 1993; she is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and her three adult children in Dorking, Surrey. The whole of the ground floor of the property and one upstairs bedroom is used for childminding purposes and cloakroom facilities are available. Children have access to an enclosed garden for outside play. The family has pet cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens. The childminder works all year round from Monday to Friday. The childminder has a level 3 childcare qualification.

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