

Inspection date	26 January 2015
Previous inspection date	13 May 2009

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 provides children with an excellent variety of play opportunities and experiences that excite, interest and stimulate their curiosity to learn. This helps them to make continuous progress in their learning.
- The childminder plans an extremely interesting and stimulating environment with a wide and varied range of resources. These are well organised and presented in a way that enables children to choose things for themselves.
- The childminder has an excellent partnership with parents. This enables parents to become highly involved in their children's welfare and learning both at home and in the childminder's care.
- Children's safety and well-being is a high priority. The childminder uses robust risk assessments and stringent safety measures. She has extremely comprehensive safeguarding procedures that she implements and completes suitability checks for her assistants. She is highly effective at helping children feel safe and secure.
- The childminder and her assistant have an excellent understanding of children's individual needs, which successfully promotes children's emotional well-being. Consequently, children are very happy and settled.
- The childminder's excellent self-evaluation demonstrates her commitment to continuous improvement to enhance her exemplary practice.
- The childminder provides children with excellent opportunities to extend their learning outdoors. Children have access to a wide range of equipment, natural resources and also trips to woodland and farms. This means they are able to develop many new skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to strengthen children's developing independence in self-care skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and her assistant at convenient times.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation, including some policies, procedures, children's planning and the childminder's risk assessments.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the house that children use.
- The inspector spoke with a parent, and took into account the written views of parents.

Inspector

Gina Chamberlain

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how children learn. She works very closely with parents to get to know children and their current stage of development before they start in the setting. Children acquire excellent skills in language and communication, because the childminder makes highly effective use of conversation and questioning techniques during play and activities. Children's interest in frozen water motivates them to explore scientific concepts such as hot, cold and melting. They develop an awareness of numbers as they count the frozen fingers on a glove. The childminder provides many opportunities for children to recognise their own names. For example, children have their names on coat pegs, place mats, toothbrushes and book bags. This helps to promote children's early reading skills and prepare children for their next stages in learning and their eventual move to school. The childminder makes precise assessments and tracks children's development. She sharply focusses the planning to enhance individual children's learning. Consequently, all children make excellent progress in their learning.

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

The childminder provides an extremely caring, happy and welcoming environment for children. Children have excellent opportunities to be active and healthy because they play outdoors daily. Children benefit from trips to toddler groups, and soft play centres where they further develop their social skills and confidence. The childminder teaches children the importance of personal hygiene and encourages children's developing independence. For example, children put on their own coats and shoes and help to cut food during snack. However, the childminder does not always maximise these opportunities, such as involving them in setting the table for meals. Children are extremely well behaved. The childminder skilfully helps them to take turns and cooperate, which further prepares children for their move to nursery or school.

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

The childminder and her assistant have an excellent understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They have an in-depth knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements and are very confident in the procedures to follow to keep children safe. They have a very clear understanding of procedures for child protection and know what to do and who to report to in the event of a concern. The childminder is highly effective in monitoring children's progress and successful in sharing their progress with parents. The childminder regularly seeks the views of parents and children to evaluate her practice and to enhance outcomes for children. The childminder has developed effective partnerships with other childcare settings. This helps to ensure consistent care for children between the childminder's home, their home and other settings that the children attend.

Setting details

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Local authority	Wiltshire
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	13 May 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives with her husband and their five children in Corsham, Wiltshire. The childminder offers care from Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm. The childminder holds a level 3 National Vocational Qualification in Childcare, learning and development.

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