

Inspection date	24 February 2015
Previous inspection date	12 March 2012

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
How well the early years provision meetrange of children who attend	ts the needs of the	Good	2
The contribution of the early years provof children	rision to the well-being	Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and early years provision	management of the	Good	2
The setting meets legal requirement	s for early years setti	ngs	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder plans a good range of activities and outings that are linked to children's interests. Consequently, children receive good-quality care and learning that meet their needs well.
- Children's communication and language skills develop well as the childminder talks and shares books with them every day.
- Children learn about good hygiene routines and eat healthy snacks and meals. They have lots of opportunities to get out in the fresh air. This promotes their understanding of healthy lifestyles effectively.
- The childminder evaluates his practice carefully to consider his strengths and identify areas for further improvement.
- The childminder has good systems in place to keep children safe. He assesses his home and all outings to ensure children play safely, and understands the local safeguarding procedures for protecting them from harm.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not ask parents for comprehensive details about their children when they start to help him plan fully effectively for their initial learning needs.
- The childminder shares only general information with other settings that children attend. This does not fully support continuity of learning for children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage parents to share more information about their children at the start of their placement
- enhance partnerships with other early years settings children attend to share more information about their progress.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had discussions with the childminder relating to his practice.
- The inspector looked at areas of the premises used for childminding and sampled relevant documentation.
- The inspector observed the childminder's practice and the learning opportunities he provided to the minded children.

Inspector

Patricia Edward

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides a good range of activities. He links them to children's interests and incorporates outings to a variety of venues that enhance these learning opportunities. Children therefore enjoy new experiences, such as touching fossils in a history museum and looking at classic cars at a motor museum. The childminder uses every opportunity for children to use their imaginations and senses, such as taking their socks off in the park so they can wiggle their toes in the bark and grass. The childminder joins in with children's play to support and encourage them. He helps them develop new skills, such as weighing and measuring while making bread and exploring shapes by completing jigsaws. The childminder keeps records of children's achievements which help him plan for their further development. He regularly discusses children's progress with their parents and involves them in their learning. Children are encouraged to use their imaginations, be creative and learn about the wider world. They decorate face masks and open fortune cookies for Chinese New Year, play with small-world resources, such as trains, and become different characters using items in the dressing-up box. Children, therefore, become confident explorers and learners.

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

The childminder has created a homely and child-friendly environment that is safe for children to play and explore. This helps them to feel confident and secure. Children have ample space to move around freely and they can access the resources independently so they can make their own choices. The childminder gives children a variety of nutritionally-balanced meals and snacks which they eat together sociably. Children spend time outdoors every day enjoying the fresh air and being active so they learn about leading a healthy lifestyle. The childminder explains the impact of children's actions to help them understand how to behave well. Visits to local groups give children good experience of mixing and behaving sociably as part of a group.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. He understands how children learn and how to motivate their interest. The childminder evaluates his practice and has identified areas to improve, such as gathering more ongoing information from parents through report slips about children's achievements at home. He involves parents in the evaluation process each year and they report that they 'are delighted' with the childminder's service and state he is 'patient and calm' with the children. The result of the childminder's thoughtful care and provision is children who are ready to move on to school having discovered that learning is interesting and fun.

Setting details

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Local authority Wandsworth

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Type of provision Childminder

Registration category Childminder

Age range of children 0 - 8

Total number of places 4

Number of children on roll 3

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 12 March 2012

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Clapham South, in the London Borough of Wandsworth. He lives on the first floor of a purpose-built block of flats with lift access and uses all areas of his home for childminding purposes.

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