

Inspection date	27 February 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Not applicable	1
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

- Children can choose what they want to do from an excellent range of exciting and stimulating toys and resources. This meets all their learning needs, taking into account their interests and capabilities.
- The childminder is qualified and experienced in early years; she engages the children skilfully and enables them to extend their play.
- The childminder manages children's behaviour very well and she is always ready to support and comfort them when needed.
- Children benefit from an excellent and varied choice of foods that are nutritious and help them learn about healthy eating options.
- The childminder forms very strong and positive partnerships with parents and other professionals who are involved in the children's lives, which enhances consistency.
- The childminder is extremely organised in her record keeping procedures. For example, she uses an excellent format for children's progress checks at two years old.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- consider reviewing the availability of role play resources indoors, to further enhance children's play opportunities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play and held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation kept by the childminder.
- The inspector gave feedback to the childminder and her support and development officer.

Inspector

Mary Vandepeer

Inspection findings

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

The childminder is very effective in her teaching and provides excellent learning opportunities for children. Younger children develop their communication skills by engaging in meaningful conversations with the childminder. They thoroughly enjoy using the imaginary play resources, this helps to build on their early social skills. Children enjoy outdoor activities and love to explore and try out new equipment, such as the slide and chalk boards. A play house contains additional role play resources which are sometimes then not available indoors. The childminder uses highly stimulating activities to fully promote children's early knowledge of colours, numbers, letters and shapes. This helps to begin preparing them for nursery or school. The childminder and the children interact extremely well and clearly have fun together. Children's progress records are extremely well kept, with frequent observations recorded. This enables the childminder to promote children's next steps very effectively. Children are progressing very well in all areas of learning.

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

The childminder shows exceptional commitment to providing an environment where children feel at home, very safe and secure. An extremely wide range of activities and toys are available and this provides children with stimulating, exciting and challenging opportunities. Children settle well and are clearly very happy when with the childminder. Children use the outdoor play space every day, extending their play with activities promoting their physical skills, for example balancing. The childminder is an excellent role model and children's appropriate behaviour reflects this. Children enjoy healthy snacks and meals along with water and milk to drink. This means children are learning about what foods are good for them.

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

The childminder is passionate about children's welfare and well-being and she gives these high priority. She has a very good range of policies and procedures in order to keep children safe. The childminder attends relevant training and is qualified at level 3. This means she has greatly improved her knowledge and understanding about how children learn. Highly effective self-evaluation processes enable the childminder to identify areas where she can change and improve her setting even further. Parents have frequent opportunities to speak with the childminder about their children's day with her and how they are progressing. This means they keep up to date with their children's learning and achievements.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY435870
Local authority	Medway Towns
Inspection number	884718
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011. She lives in Chatham, Kent. The childminder holds a recognised childcare qualification at level 3.

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