

<b>Inspection date</b>	11 March 2015
Previous inspection date	19 February 2010

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

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- The childminder engages children in interesting and well-resourced activities which promote all areas of learning well. Children use a wide range of art materials which encourages their creativity and they thoroughly enjoy.
- The childminder carries out observations to clearly identify children's next steps in learning and plans activities to meet their individual developmental needs. Children experience challenging activities that help them make good progress. They receive appropriate support to meet any additional needs.
- The childminder provides a safe and secure environment in which children are given responsibility and have a sense of pride in keeping it safe.
- The childminder enthusiastically encourages all children to join in with activities. Children are motivated to learn and enjoy practising new skills to help them achieve their goals.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses some opportunities to promote children's mathematical development fully.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend children's mathematical development further by introducing positional language and counting consistently as children play.

## Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with parents and children.
- The inspector observed children at play and checked the safety of the premises.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including children's records, policies and qualifications.

## Inspector

Catherine Holroyd

## Inspection findings

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

The childminder encourages all of the children to join in with activities which she adapts well to meet each child's interests and abilities. During the inspection, children played games. They enjoyed a creative activity which involved drawing, cutting, sticking and printing. Children mixed paints and explored the texture of paint with their fingers. Consequently, children developed their physical skills as they used different tools and their imaginations as they created their designs. However, the childminder did not always use these activities consistently to encourage children's mathematical skills. For example, she did not encourage counting the materials they were using or introduce positional language. Nevertheless, children make good progress in all areas of their learning and develop the skills they need for the move to school. The childminder involves parents in children's learning and regularly shares children's developmental achievements with them. Children benefit from daily outings to broaden their experiences, including visits to the park, zoo and local playgroup.

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

The childminder has a thorough understanding of the needs of every child including those with special dietary requirements and allergies. Children are encouraged to be independent and keep themselves and others safe, for example older children know to close the stair gate. Children independently wash their hands ready for snack and are involved in the preparation. The childminder works with parents and children to promote healthy eating and encourages children to try different fruits. The childminder demonstrates a thorough understanding of child protection and her responsibility to safeguard children.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has met the recommendation raised at the last inspection. She accurately tracks children's development and plans their progression well. The childminder meets regularly with other professionals to share good practice and ideas for exciting learning topics. She has completed a childcare qualification and uses the knowledge gained successfully to ensure that she covers all aspects of development. The childminder carries out thorough risk assessments and adheres to her policies which are regularly reviewed, including the mobile phone policy. This helps her promote children's safety and welfare effectively. The childminder has improved her processes of self-evaluation. She seeks feedback from parents and clearly identifies areas for further improvement.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY374137
<b>Local authority</b>	Torbay
<b>Inspection number</b>	829351
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	5
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	4
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	19 February 2010
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 2007 and holds an early years qualification at level 3. She lives in Torquay.

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