

Inspection date	17 March 2015
Previous inspection date	21 March 2011

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 works very effectively with her co-childminder to ensure the safe, and highly efficient, running of their service.
- The childminder's high level of qualification and experience enable her to effectively plan for the learning and development needs of each individual child.
- Teaching practices, and the promotion of children's learning and development, are of an exceptionally high standard.
- Children are consistently praised and encouraged. As a result, they are highly confident and motivated to learn.
- The childminder regularly shares information with parents, and their feedback is encouraged and valued.
- Children's progress is consistently and precisely monitored and evaluated. This enables the childminder to quickly identify specific needs and to put in place the relevant intervention as needed.
- The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of how to keep children safe and makes use of effective procedures to ensure the safety of all children.
- Children are extremely happy and content at the setting and they share warm, trusting relationships with the childminder.
- Children understand the importance of good health and hygiene practices, and this is consistently promoted by the childminder.
- The childminder and her co-childminder regularly reflect on their practice, and correctly identify strengths and explore areas for improvement.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make it easier for children to independently select resources by, for example, labelling storage boxes.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder, her co-childminder and the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the children's snack and lunch routines.
- The inspector observed activities in the outdoor area, conservatory and lounge.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through parent questionnaires and comments forms.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including various policies, consents forms, the provider's self-evaluation form, risk assessments and children's 'learning journeys'.

Inspector

Lauren Ferreira

Inspection findings

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

The childminder works in excellent partnership with her co-childminder to effectively support the needs of all children. They provide highly stimulating activities for the children, tailored to suit their individual needs. There is a range of interesting and exciting resources for children to explore, although some are less well presented than others. The childminder supports children's learning, but also allows them to explore and learn independently. She understands the value and importance of developing children's language and communication skills, and promotes these consistently. The childminder values different cultures and languages. For example, the children focus on one particular culture each week. They learn words from other languages, and enjoy cooking and tasting different food. Parents are encouraged to contribute to their children's learning, and information is regularly shared between the parents and the childminder. This ensures continuity of learning for the children.

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

Children are extremely happy and have good relationships with each other, and with the childminder and her colleague. The childminder constantly engages with the children, securing strong emotional attachments with them. Children display an excellent knowledge of the importance of hygiene and being healthy. They explain that, by washing their hands before they eat, they are getting rid of the germs that can make them unwell. The childminder demonstrates an excellent knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and is aware of the relevant procedures to follow if needed. The children engage in emergency evacuation drills every month. The childminders work together to undertake regular risk assessments to ensure the safety of all children. Children are very well behaved. Good behaviour and manners are consistently encouraged and promoted.

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

The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of her role and responsibilities in implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage and does so to excellent effect. She and her co-childminder use robust self-evaluation techniques and constantly discuss progress and improvements relating to their practice. Children are extremely well supported in their move from the setting to school. The childminder regularly shares information with the other settings the children attend. Children are also exposed to other settings by going with the childminders on school runs. In addition, they sometimes attend special events held at other settings the children attend. Items of school uniform are available in the dressing-up area to enable children to role-play being at school. The childminder is extremely well organised and holds high expectations of the service she delivers.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
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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	21 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Horsell, near Woking, Surrey and works with her husband who is also a registered childminder. She holds a relevant qualification at level 6.

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