

Inspection date	26 March 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Not applicable	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 meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder provides a wide range of fun activities for children, which allows them to make good progress in their learning.
- The childminder develops effective partnerships with parents and other settings they attend, which supports consistency for children's learning and well-being.
- Children demonstrate their confidence in their play and interactions with the childminder and her assistant. As a result, they develop good communication and language skills.
- The childminder and her assistant fully promote children's welfare. Children are safeguarded well as the childminder has a thorough knowledge of what to do as she has a concern for their welfare, and how to protect children from harm.
- The childminder provides a range of healthy and balanced meals and snacks. This promotes children's good health and awareness of a healthy lifestyle.
- The childminder promotes children's personal, social and emotional skills well through the activities and games she provides.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not currently organise her resources in a way that enables children to choose and use them easily and independently.
- There are currently limited resources available to provide children with good opportunities to explore and develop their understanding of diversity, disability and differences in culture.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop the organisation of resources to enable children to be able to independently choose and easily access these for themselves
- increase opportunities for children to develop their understanding and awareness of differences in culture and disability by providing more play resources and books that help them to value diversity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector checked evidence of safeguarding knowledge and took account of the childminder's self-evaluation details and the views of parents
- The inspector observed children, the childminder and her assistant during play activities.
- The inspector viewed the rooms used by children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's learning records.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder.

Inspector

Ann Murray

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 to promote children's development across all areas of learning. Children have access to a range of toys and resources that help them in their learning. However, the organisation of these does not always enable children to independently choose the resources they would like to use for themselves. The childminder talks extensively to the children and promotes children's independence well during activities. For example, children were excited to make Easter cakes, and enjoyed adding ingredients and stirring them independently. The childminder accurately assesses where children are in their learning, and uses this well when planning for their next steps in development. She is effective in her communication with parents and involves them in their children's learning to ensure it is supported at home. They are invited to regular fun events at the childminder's home. These include a sports day and family barbeques.

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

The childminder's home is happy and welcoming. Children have positive relationships with the childminder and her assistant, who work well together to implement effective arrangements to care for them and promote their well-being. Children have plenty of opportunity to be active and engage in physical play both in the garden and while on outings. They settle well in the childminder's home and show confidence in their understanding of the behaviour that is expected of them. This helps them prepare for their move on to nursery or school. The childminder and her assistant respond to children's individual needs quickly and efficiently. The childminder, and her assistant, have a thorough understanding of their responsibilities to safeguard children. They implement policies and safe working practices to support children's health, safety and well-being.

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

Through the delivery of a range of activities, the childminder ensures children are challenged, motivated and achieving well in their learning. The childminder has a thorough knowledge of how children learn and is aware of a range of learning styles. There are positive relationships in place with parents and other early years settings. The childminder involves them in all aspects of the children's care and learning, which contributes towards children feeling secure. She undertakes regular risk assessments to keep her home safe. The childminder is reflective in her practice. She attends training, and undertakes research, to develop her knowledge and understanding of how children learn and develop. This knowledge is shared with her assistant to develop his role and promote consistency in their practice. This allows the childminder to constantly improve her provision and the service she provides.

Setting details

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Total number of places	12
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 Swanley, Kent. She works, at times, with an assistant.

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