

Inspection date	30 March 2015
Previous inspection date	29 January 2009

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 offers an exceptional range of bright and stimulating resources which promote active learning. She makes toys accessible to children so that they can practice being independent and follow their own learning interests.
- Children develop exceptional and secure relationships with the childminder and her assistant. This means they can respond to children's changing needs quickly and effectively.
- The childminder is passionate and enthusiastic about helping children to learn through high quality interactions. As a result, young children are motivated and eager to master early speaking skills and engage with others around them.
- The childminder uses her wealth of knowledge to monitor children's learning and identify any new opportunities for learning to enable children to make rapid progress.
- The childminder drives forward improvements by accessing many training opportunities and seeking out new ideas that will benefit the children.
- The childminder has developed an exceptional two-way flow of sharing information with parents about children's needs and progress.
- The childminder seeks a range of information about children's care needs to ensure that she can offer a smooth and reassuring transition to any new children. However, starting points do not fully explore all of what children can do at home before they start at the setting.
- The childminder is highly effective in identifying any areas of her practice that could be enhanced. She demonstrates an uncompromising commitment towards achieving excellence that will continue to enrich children's learning experiences.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance starting points observed by parents by fully exploring what children can do at home before they start at the setting.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact on children's learning, inside and outside.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled a range of documents including children's learning records, policies and procedures.
- The inspector viewed a selection of written references from parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Anna Kersley

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides an exciting and stimulating environment with carefully chosen resources to promote active learning. Children play with a range of interactive sensory toys which are easily accessible. This includes a range of books that the childminder uses to help children develop early reading, speaking and listening skills. Children benefit from close relationships with the childminder and are eager to engage with her in affectionate singing, play and exploration. For example, the childminder uses an activity of blowing bubbles to help children to practice a range of skills, such as developing early language and mathematical concepts. The childminder encourages all children to be active learners as she prompts them to look back at their learning experiences. This exemplary practice helps children develop skills to recognise their own strengths and achievements. Consequently, children are ready for the next stage in their learning and school.

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

The childminder promotes healthy habits such as a healthy diet, hand-washing and the use of separate towels. She offers children a range of healthy snacks and meals through the use of a photographic menu. This enables children to practice choice over what they eat and ensures that children are introduced to a range of different foods. The childminder also uses visual aids to act as helpful reminders to promote appropriate behaviours and to make sure that boundaries are always fair and consistent. The childminder uses pictures to help children manage a range of situations, including reinforcing positive interactions and reminding children what to do in an emergency. The childminder makes sure that all children are familiar with emergency routines and is careful to consider individual children's needs.

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

The childminder demonstrates a strong commitment towards delivering consistently high standards of teaching to benefit the children. Her records are robust, rigorous and focussed to have a positive impact on the learning experience for every child. She views training as an essential element to ensuring that her knowledge is strong, up-to-date and specifically meets children's changing needs, such as speech development. She makes sure that her assistant has an understanding of safeguarding and how to keep children safe from harm. The childminder ensures that she monitors children's learning thoroughly and that she is able to identify any additional support that children may need. She continues to drive forward improvements as she works closely with parents and other professionals to reflect on, and adapt her provision.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY287161
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	833698
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	29 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in Minster on Sea, on the Isle of Sheppey. The childminder occasionally works with her husband as an assistant. The childminder offers care all year round, including overnight care.

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