

Inspection date	31 March 2015
Previous inspection date	22 October 2008

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	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 meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder provides a relaxed and homely environment where children have positive relationships with the childminder and each other.
- The childminder knows the children well and provides a range of indoor and outdoor activities that interest and motivates them.
- The childminder observes and assesses the children's development in order to plan for next steps in their learning.
- The childminder demonstrates a commitment to working with parents and other agencies to ensure good outcomes for children. This helps to promote continuity of children's care routines.
- The childminder has a range of policies and procedures to ensure that children remain safe in her care.
- The childminder has links with other professionals and school teachers. This helps to meet children's individual needs and prepare children for the next stage in their learning and the move to school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not fully encourage parents to share information about their children's development at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop ways to further encourage parents to contribute regularly to their children's developmental files.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder interacting and playing with the children.
- The inspector observed a range of activities and resources indoors and outside.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about the children's development and looked at their observation files.
- The inspector considered feedback from parents.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies and procedures.

Inspector

Caroline Gibbons

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 encourage children's development. For example, during the inspection, the childminder supported children to create posters and maps and asked questions to promote their thinking skills. The childminder supports younger children extremely well in their communication and social development. She uses facial expressions and signs to promote interaction and provides simple words and vocabulary to develop their language. The childminder provides regular outdoor activities which supports children's physical development. For example, the childminder and children grow vegetables in her garden which helps children to understand about the natural world. The childminder communicates with parents verbally and by the sharing of photographs which supports learning at home. Written observations are summarised to identify children's next steps in their learning. However, the childminder does not yet consistently encourage parents to add their own observations to their children's developmental progress.

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

Children form secure attachments with the childminder. As a result, children settle easily and are confident. The childminder promotes healthy lifestyles by talking about healthy foods and by regular opportunities for fresh air and exercise. The childminder encourages good hygiene practices and models good behaviour and manners. Children learn to follow the house rules, which ensures that children learn to behave well. The childminder regularly praises children which promotes high levels of self-esteem. She ensures that her home and outings are risk assessed and her knowledge of safeguarding ensures that children remain safe in her care.

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

The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge of the areas of learning and reviews her environment to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the minded children. The childminder reviews and updates her procedures and policies to ensure that children remain safe in her care. She demonstrates an understanding of the importance of liaising with other agencies and is prepared for completing progress checks for two-year-olds and summaries for children moving on to school. The childminder regularly reviews the environment to ensure it meets the needs of the children attending and seeks feedback from parents.

Setting details

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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	22 October 2008
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Greenhithe, Kent.

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