

Inspection date	15 April 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 is inspirational in his capacity to extend his knowledge for the benefit of children. Attendance at recent training has enhanced teaching during planned and spontaneous activities to extend children's communication and language.
- The childminder plans an exceptional range of high-quality learning experiences for children. They are able to explore, are highly motivated and eager to learn.
- The childminder has an excellent knowledge of safeguarding. He can describe changes in children's behaviour that may cause concern, and knows how to report these concerns in a timely way.
- The childminder has highly robust arrangements to keep children safe and protect their welfare. He implements knowledge from training to provide children with an extremely safe environment that they thrive in.
- The childminder provides welcoming areas for children to rest and sleep. There is an inviting quiet area with books in the playhouse outdoors and a quiet sensory area for children to relax in indoors.
- The childminder provides an extensive selection of resources that help to extend children's learning. He provides children with a choosing book, with the full range of toys in pictures to help them make independent choices about their play. However, he sometimes misses opportunities to extend children's independence during snack.
- The childminder has excellent partnerships with parents and other professionals. He keeps parents well informed about their child's developmental progress and is highly skilful in the support for children requiring additional help. Overall, children make exceptional progress in their learning and development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen opportunities at snack for children to serve themselves to further enhance their independence.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled children's assessments and planning documentation.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of interactions.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability.
- The inspector reviewed the childminder's procedures for self-evaluation.
- The inspector sampled, and took into consideration, questionnaires and written feedback from parents.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a strong knowledge of how children learn, and provides an outstanding range of learning opportunities. He plans exciting activities based on children's interests. For example, when children were curious about bugs and insects, they observed frogspawn, hatching ladybirds and caterpillars, which developed an understanding of growth and changes over time. They laughed and smiled during a bug hunt in the sand tray using magnifying glasses. Children initiate many activities themselves, which the childminder skilfully joins in to enhance learning. He makes precise assessments of children's learning and efficiently monitors their progress. He has regular meetings with parents, which ensures a high level of involvement in their children's learning. Parents contribute to their children's assessments, which provides continuity for their learning at the setting and at home. The childminder provides exceptional help for children as they prepare for their move to school. He makes positive steps to communicate with the local schools so that information is shared to aid a smooth transfer for children. He skilfully prepares children with the skills they need so they are ready for the next stage in education.

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

The childminder is an extremely good role model and plays alongside children helping them understand how to share and take turns. Children are very polite and follow the house rules. The childminder makes clear behavioural expectations; consequently, children's behaviour is exemplary. Children form strong attachments with the childminder. They are confident, settled in his care, and have positive relationships. The childminder makes excellent use of local playgroups where children enhance their social skills. They make friends and develop confidence and positive self-esteem. The childminder promotes very healthy lifestyles. Children spend time in the well-resourced garden in all seasons. He provides fresh fruit for snacks and an extremely nutritious dinner menu. Children learn where vegetables come from and grow their own herbs and potatoes in the garden.

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

The childminder demonstrates a strong commitment to providing high-quality provision. He holds a level 3 qualification and demonstrates his knowledge through highly skilful monitoring of children's development and of the quality of provision overall. The childminder implements his highly effective policies and procedures, which support his already excellent practice. He provides exceptional standards of care that keep children safe from harm. For example, he has robust procedures to protect children from harm when using the internet. The childminder is highly reflective and makes continuous improvements. He values parents' opinions and considers these to improve his service.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	753203
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	13
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011. He lives with his wife, who is his co-childminder, and three children. They live in Laleham, Middlesex. The childminder is open all year round. The childminder is qualified and has a CACHE Diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce at level 3.

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