Childminder Report



Inspection date27 April 2015Previous inspection date24 November 2011

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Good | 2 |
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| | Previous inspection: | Met | |
| How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend | | Good | 2 |
| The contribution of the early years provis of children | sion to the well-being | Good | 2 |
| The effectiveness of the leadership and rearly years provision | management of the | Good | 2 |
| The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings | | | |

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder forms effective partnerships with parents, which supports children's learning at home.
- Children are developing good communication and language skills. They are confident to speak out, encouraged by the childminder who shows the upmost interest in what they have to say.
- The children are encouraged to be kind to one another and have respect for other people's feelings. They behave well and their emotional development is strongly fostered.
- Children develop a good understanding about their own safety, they learn how to use play equipment safely and how to go up and down steps confidently.
- The childminder has a good understanding of her responsibilities in protecting children from harm. She is able to recognise the main signs and symptoms that would cause her concern, and clearly knows who to contact.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always reinforce the importance of good hygiene practices with children to contribute to their learning about how to keep themselves healthy.
- The childminder has not fully considered how to organise her resources to improve children's awareness of the additional resources and activities that are available to them. This slightly reduces opportunities for them to make independent choices.

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What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- consistently promote children's understanding of good hygiene during spontaneous opportunities and routines
- enhance the organisation of the environment to enable children to easily choose additional resources for themselves.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and observed children playing.
- The inspector looked at a selection of policies, children's records and evidence of suitability.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the information provided in the childminder's selfevaluation document and written references from parents.

Inspector

Hazel Farrant

Inspection findings

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

The quality of teaching is good. Although, systems for recording and assessing children's development are in their infancy, the childminder knows the children very well. She clearly knows what they are currently interested in and plans interesting activities that motivate them to learn and make good progress. Children play with a wide range of natural resources through exploring treasure baskets. The childminder uses these opportunities to build on children's language and communication skills. She repeats words so that children learn the correct pronunciation and consolidates their understanding. Children happily sit on her lap and listen to stories they choose for themselves. They confidently press the buttons to make the sound effects that accompany the story. Children access a wide range of interesting resources and activities, inside and outdoors. However, younger children do not always know what other resources are available to them because the childminder stores some toys out of reach.

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

The childminder's home is warm and welcoming. Her interest in the children and constant reassurance supports their emotional development. She ensures their safety as she constantly risk assesses her premises and outings. Overall, hygiene is good, although the childminder does not always remember to reinforce the importance of good personal care routines with children. For example, she does not consistently remind them to wash their hands before eating or to cover their mouths when they cough. Children learn about healthy lifestyles. The childminder talks to children about healthy foods and they have plenty of opportunities to play out in the fresh air. Children's sense of achievement is actively encouraged as the childminder supports them to try, practise and succeed for themselves as much as possible. Children help themselves to their water cups and learn how to feed themselves independently. All of these skills help children in their future learning and readiness to start school.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She ensures she has all important information right from the start and visits the children in their own home. This ensures she knows how to meet each individual child's needs and how to move them on in their development to make the best possible progress. The childminder gains the views of parents and children in order to measure the success of her provision. She evaluates what she is doing well and what she needs to improve on and regularly attends training to keep her knowledge up to date.

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Setting details

Unique reference number EY343932

Local authority Surrey

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Type of provision Childminder

Registration category Childminder

Age range of children 0 - 8

Total number of places 5

Number of children on roll 2

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 24 November 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2006 and lives in Guildford, Surrey. The childminder's provision operates from Monday to Friday, for most of the year.

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