

Childminder Report

Inspection date

28 April 2015

Previous inspection date

7 July 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 demonstrates a natural rapport with children. She shows an excellent understanding of each child's individual needs. This empathetic approach ensures that children feel very secure and safe with the childminder and her family.
- The childminder is very well-qualified and experienced. She regularly attends further training, which is beneficial to all children in her care. She works alongside other professionals and her local authority to provide a high level of support for all children, including those with additional needs, and their families. Children are extremely happy and settled in this stimulating environment.
- The childminder provides an excellent range of high-quality learning experiences for children. She is enthusiastic and an effective role model. As a result, children demonstrate that they are eager to learn and enjoy meeting new challenges.
- Children demonstrate high levels of confidence and self-assurance and a strong sense of belonging. The childminder places a very strong emphasis on care practices; safety and safeguarding are central to all areas of her practice.
- The childminder has developed excellent links with other providers to ensure continuity of care and learning for all children. This enables her to provide an educational programme that is interesting and stimulating, and meets the needs of all children as individuals.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop a targeted programme of professional development to further improve the already outstanding practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's play plans, the action plan and a selection of policies and children's records.
- The inspector took account of the views of one parent spoken to on the day, and of parents' written feedback through questionnaires.
- The inspector observed the childminder interacting with the children.

Inspector

Alison Kaplonek

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an expert knowledge and understanding of how to promote children's learning in all areas. The quality of teaching is excellent. Children make excellent progress and they benefit from the sensitive support and interaction they receive from the childminder. She provides activities according to children's interests and areas for development, which she clearly links to the seven areas of learning. Experiences are rich and varied, and children are extremely well motivated and very eager to join in. They demonstrate high levels of confidence and independence. Children who require additional help are extremely well supported. The childminder gives particular emphasis to the development of children's communication skills and to supporting their physical, personal, social and emotional development. Children learn about the world around them as they walk to school or socialise with other children. The childminder uses highly successful strategies to engage parents and other professionals in children's learning and development.

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

The childminder works exceptionally well with parents to ensure that she has an outstanding knowledge of each child's routines and care needs. She provides detailed feedback regarding each child's day for parents of the younger school aged children. The childminder uses frequent praise and encouragement as she interacts with the children and they respond extremely well to this. Children are excited to explore and find out what is available, and are easily able to initiate their own play and learning. They behave exceptionally well and clearly understand about healthy lifestyles and keeping safe. Older children learn to care for and support the younger ones. They often talk about, and set up, games and activities for younger children. On these occasions, children further develop their social skills and learn to form good friendships. These experiences all help to prepare them for the next step in their life, such as starting at school.

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of her duty to safeguard children and to meet the requirements. She implements a wide range of robust policies and procedures. She carries out comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that children play in a very safe environment. She maintains up-to-date records and shares these with parents. The childminder has fully implemented the recommendations set at her last inspection. She understands the importance of carrying out regular evaluation of her training needs and sets out a clear action plan for the future. The childminder is extremely well organised and has a robust and well-planned routine. She has successfully developed highly effective systems to track and monitor children's progress to maximise their outcomes.

Setting details

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Local authority	Dorset
Inspection number	841646
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	7 July 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1999. She lives with her husband and adult daughter in Wimborne, Dorset. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

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