

Childminder Report

Inspection date

14 May 2015

Previous inspection date

27 October 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 uses an extremely effective assessment system to monitor children's progress very securely, to identify plans for their future development.
- Parents are highly involved in their children's learning and development. They supply frequent information about children's interests and achievements at home. The childminder provides parents with excellent information about how they can support their children at home.
- Children are exceedingly well prepared for their next steps in learning. The childminder gives exceptional attention to developing their early literacy skills. For example, children benefit from interactive story times, which stimulate their enthusiasm for reading. She prepares children to be writers as she develops their physical skills needed to hold a pencil through fun activities.
- The childminder ensures children of all ages progress extremely well in their learning and development. She adapts her interaction and activities very effectively to match children's individual learning needs and level of development. Occasionally, the childminder is so eager to introduce another fun activity she interrupts children when they are engrossed in a self-chosen activity.
- Children become confident and self-assured. They have highly positive relationships with the childminder who nurtures and encourages them so that they thrive.
- The childminder maintains a high level of safeguarding knowledge. Her very strong knowledge is reflected in clear and concise policies which are highly personalised to apply to her provision.
- The childminder works very effectively with other early years settings children attend to support high levels of continuity in their learning and care needs.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance children's self-initiated learning further by considering more fully the time they need to explore their own ideas.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outside.
- The inspector spoke to a parent on the telephone and read parent testimonials through email.
- The inspector talked with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and planning documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's qualifications and suitability.

Inspector

Kerry Lynn

Inspection findings

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

The childminder pays very careful attention to how individual children learn. She recognises children's interests extremely well. For example, she provided cotton reels and large bicycle tyres for children to explore and investigate after observing their fascination with toy car wheels. Children are very proud when they meet the challenges the childminder carefully plans for them. For example, they gleefully ring a bell when they find the centre of a maze. Children lead their learning experiences and the childminder joins in to extend their learning. For instance, she models sounds and introduces vocabulary as she joins in with an imaginary train game. The childminder uses her excellent teaching practice to ask questions to extend children's thinking skills. Children plant seeds and create a moving sunflower chart on which they actively record its growth. This promotes children's excellent understanding of living things along with their mathematical skills.

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

Children are extremely safe because the childminder continually monitors the environment and evaluates her safety procedures. For example, risk assessments are reviewed when new children start. As a result, her safety procedures take into account each child's age and personality. The childminder's very positive approach to behaviour management means she frequently praises children and celebrates their achievements. She works extremely well in partnership with parents and other early years settings children attend to provide a consistent approach to behaviour management. This helps children develop an excellent understanding of behaviour expectations. They develop a very good understanding of healthy lifestyles. Children spend time outdoors in the fresh air and exercise frequently through outings and play in the well-resourced garden. They enjoy eating healthy foods because they help to grow fruit and vegetables to eat.

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

The childminder strives for very high standards and through robust evaluations of her practice can always see ways to improve. She takes appropriate action to act on the areas she identifies for further development. The childminder is highly active in developing her knowledge to improve her practice. For example, she attended training to improve her observations and planning for children's progress. She evaluates courses she has attended and reflects on how they can influence her practice. For example, a recent course led her to review and develop the range of natural resources for children to investigate.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	830505
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	27 October 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 2009. She lives in Lingfield, Surrey. The childminder has recently completed a Level 3 childcare qualification. She provides a childminding service Monday to Friday, during term time only.

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