

Childminder Report

Inspection date	15 May 2015
Previous inspection date	12 September 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not 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 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 has taken robust steps to address actions raised at the previous inspection. She has made good improvements to practice and her knowledge, to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage securely.
- The childminder provides a safe and nurturing environment, so young children are content and happy in her care. Children form warm relationships and make good progress, especially in their personal, social and emotional development.
- The childminder has a clear understanding of children's learning and development. She provides effective activities and age-appropriate resources to stimulate children's interests and progress.
- The childminder communicates well with parents to meet children's individual needs, and promote continuity in their care, and learning and development. Parents value the care and support they receive from the experienced childminder.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always use pictures that younger children recognise and fully understand, to promote their increasing language development even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the range and type of picture resources, so that younger children recognise and fully understand what they are, to help promote discussion and extend their language development further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the childminder and children in their indoor activities.
- The inspector read feedback from parents and sampled children's development records.
- The inspector checked safety of the premises.

Inspector

Julie Wright

Inspection findings

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

The childminder accurately focuses on key areas of development for the youngest children. This means that she sets clear targets for their progress in their social, physical and language skills. She interacts well with babies and young children to promote their interests. For example, she sits on the floor with them to maintain good eye contact and communication. Babies smile and babble in response to the childminder saying 'hide-peep'. They happily pat and pull at levers and knobs on an activity centre, as they notice how things move. The childminder provides some picture cards to help young children to repeat words and learn about people and feelings. However, these do not include realistic or familiar images, such as photographs, to enhance their language, understanding and recognition. The childminder has developed suitable observation, assessment and planning procedures, to monitor children's progress and plan for their learning and development needs well.

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

The childminder conducts risk assessments and minimises hazards to keep children safe. She has up-to-date guidance on the use of sun cream, to protect children's health. Parents agree suitable arrangements with the childminder about the provision of food, to meet children's dietary requirements. The childminder respects parents' requests and follows babies' routines, such as preferred sleeping routines. The childminder promotes babies' physical development well. For example, she encourages them to reach for toys and begin to move along the floor. Babies show attachment and enjoy their cuddles with the childminder. Outings provide social and physical opportunities for children. Babies notice their surroundings and begin to develop a wider awareness of the world around them.

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

Since the last inspection, the childminder has completed a first-aid course and attended children protection training, which enables a secure knowledge of the procedures to safeguard children's welfare in the event of an accident or a concern. The childminder's review of all policies and procedures has helped to raise her awareness and improve her practice. She has benefitted from professional childminding advice and guidance, resulting in a clear evaluation of her effectiveness and overall improvement. The childminder acquires ideas for children's play activities from the internet, to increase learning opportunities. Parents describe the childminder as 'warm and friendly' and say that their children are always happy.

Setting details

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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	12 September 2014
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1995. She lives with her husband and adult daughter on the outskirts of Plymouth, Devon. The childminder offers care to children each weekday in term time and school holidays.

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