

Childminder Report



Inspection date

18 May 2015

Previous inspection date

12 November 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

- Children have excellent opportunities to become active in their learning. The childminder offers inspiring activities that develop children's learning through using resources that interest them. Children do not, however, always have extensive opportunities to explore different forms of technology.
- The childminder has exceptional knowledge about the children's abilities, likes and current interests. He quickly identifies and supports children's individual needs and works highly effectively with parents and other professionals. This means he meets the individual needs of children extremely well.
- The childminder's home is particularly welcoming, safe, child-friendly and well equipped with an excellent range of stimulating resources. This provides children with an exceptional environment in which to learn.
- The childminder is extremely kind and caring. As a result, children form exceptionally warm, secure relationships with him. They also develop outstanding social skills as they mix with other children at various groups and in the park.
- The childminder has an excellent knowledge of safeguarding procedures. He is fully aware of his role in protecting children from harm and neglect. He talks to children about stranger danger and strange animals and discusses with them why they must play where he can see and hear them.

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 opportunities to use different forms of technology to help them learn further about the world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the interaction between the childminder and children.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records and other relevant documentation.
- The inspector discussed childcare practices with the childminder and looked at his self-evaluation form.
- The inspector took account of the childminder's questionnaires, which express the views of parents.

Inspector

Marvet Gayle

Inspection findings

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

The childminder's quality of teaching is outstanding. He knows, and focuses on, the children's emerging interests and stages of development to support and extend their learning. As a result, children make outstanding progress in their learning. The childminder uses skilful questioning to develop the children's learning in all areas. For example, when children enjoyed playing with the dominoes, he supported them to think about what they were doing. This allowed the children to think and give a full explanation, using mathematical language. It also encouraged them to make and discuss connections with their own experiences. Children independently choose the toys and games they want to play with, and the childminder is skilled at knowing when to offer support. The childminder encourages a wide vocabulary by introducing new words and encouraging children to rhyme them. As a result, children are developing excellent communication and language skills. They speak clearly and express themselves confidently in their play and interactions with the childminder. This prepares them well for their future learning.

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

The childminder promotes children's health and well-being extremely effectively. Children learn when they need to wash their hands and do so confidently. The childminder works very closely with parents to ensure that children make healthy choices about food. Children develop their coordination and movement as they learn how to master different equipment in the park, such as the rope web. The childminder plans exciting outdoor play opportunities for younger children to become more mobile and agile on their feet in the garden. Children's behaviour is exemplary. They listen attentively, learn to take turns and understand the need to share resources very well. Children show an excellent understanding of how to stay safe. For example, they talk knowledgeably with the childminder about the dangers of using a hot oven and making it safe.

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

The childminder has an exceptional understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. He has thoroughly improved his tracking of children's progress to enable him to promptly spot any gaps in their learning. This helps him to ensure that he is providing challenging activities that build on children's skills and learning. The childminder reflects extremely thoroughly on his practice. He discusses it with parents and other childminders, as well as observing the impact that it has on children. This allows him to continually identify areas for development that will benefit children. He identifies and attends training that will extend his skills. For example, he has attended training on supporting children to learn which has led him to develop the play environment further.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
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Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	12 November 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2009. He lives in South Croydon, in the London Borough of Croydon. The childminder offers care all day, from Monday to Friday, all year round.

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