

Childminder Report

Inspection date	14 May 2015
Previous inspection date	23 June 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Outstanding	1
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

- Children are extremely happy and settled in this exceptionally warm and welcoming childminding setting. They develop secure emotional attachments with the childminder and her co-childminder, and have strong friendships with each other.
- Children feel safe and secure with the childminder because she promotes their emotional well-being exceptionally well by establishing close and supportive relationships with them and their parents.
- The childminder and her co-childminder work effectively with other agencies to provide tailored learning for children who have additional needs.
- The childminder has a comprehensive range of policies and procedures which help to underpin her practice. She follows clear vetting procedures, to ensure that her assistants undergo suitability checks and attend training.
- The childminder has shown a very positive improvement since her last inspection. She reflects on her practice and makes good use of the views of parents and her co-childminder. Future plans include further developing the key-person approach to focus even more on individual children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- There are few familiar items available to children, such as photographs of family members, to strengthen their sense of belonging further.
- Children cannot always find what they want to play with easily, to encourage and enhance their independent play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children to see and share items relating to their families and familiar people, to increase their already strong sense of belonging
- enable young children to have easier access to toys and resources, to provide more opportunities for them to be independent and make choices during their play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder, co-childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's records, policies and procedures, and evidence of the suitability of household members and assistants.
- The inspector discussed safeguarding practices and self-evaluation processes with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke to and took account of the written views of parents.

Inspector

Catherine Greene

Inspection findings

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

The childminder understands very well how children learn, and as a result, planning reflects their interests and stages of learning and development. The childminder identifies gaps in development quickly, and works with other professionals so children are making good progress from their starting points. The childminder provides a stimulating environment with dens and sensory play. She is aware of what the children enjoy doing and consistently offers praise and encouragement. She positively promotes physical activity on a daily basis. For example, children enjoy outings where they can make use of the vast space of the stadium and facilities at the children's centre nearby. Children also experience exciting outdoor play with the childminder who has recently trained in forest school skills. Photographs show children having fun and investigating the natural world. They are confident to try new things and participate fully in the exciting activities planned. Therefore, children are learning many skills that prepare them well for school.

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

The childminder is highly effective in promoting children's self-esteem. When children arrive, she greets them affectionately and gives them individual attention. As a result, they are confident and immediately join in with the other children. Parents comment that the childminder's supportive approach with them is outstanding. Consequently, parents readily share information about their children, which helps the childminder to meet their individual needs extremely well. The childminder and her co-childminder manage behaviour consistently. As a result, children understand the expectations clearly and behave exceptionally well. The childminder provides nutritious home-cooked meals that children enjoy. Children are fully encouraged to be healthy and active during outdoor play. This means children develop an excellent enthusiasm for physical activity from an early age.

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

The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of how to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She keeps her own knowledge of safeguarding and first aid up to date with regular training. She also ensures that her co-childminder and the assistants who work with her on occasions have a secure knowledge of child protection and are qualified in paediatric first aid. The childminder knows that she must keep Ofsted informed of any changes. She ensures ratios are followed and that she meets the requirements for space. There are robust safeguarding and risk assessment procedures in place that the childminder shares with her co-childminder and assistants. Consequently, children's safety is very effectively managed.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	11
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	23 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 2009. She lives in the Highbury area of the London Borough of Islington. She works each weekday throughout most of the year. She works with a co-childminder and on occasions an assistant. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at Level 3.

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