

# Childminder Report

**Inspection date**

20 May 2015

Previous inspection date

30 March 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	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 <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is outstanding

- Children make excellent progress from their initial starting points. The childminder makes outstanding use of information from parents and her observations of children to assess their progress and plan for their individual learning needs.
- Children flourish and their behaviour is exemplary because the childminder recognises the uniqueness of each child. Children are extremely secure as they respond to the childminder's clear and calm guidance. The number one rule is based on 'children having fun, talking to each other and being kind and gentle'.
- The childminder provides an extremely effective environment, where children develop high levels of self-esteem, confidence and independence. When children attend before school or nursery, she prepares them extremely well so that they are emotionally secure, and completely well-adjusted and ready for the day ahead.
- The childminder places a strong emphasis on safety. She completes daily risk assessments to make sure that children are not exposed to any hazards. Children have opportunities to make their own risk assessments, which helps them to learn about staying safe.
- The childminder has repeated her child protection training. She has an excellent understanding of safeguarding procedures and what to do should she have any concerns about a child.
- The childminder is highly motivated and fully committed to her role. She has fully implemented the recommendation set at her last inspection. She uses her expert knowledge and experience extremely well to provide high-quality care and education for children.

## 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 accompanied the childminder to a local school to drop children off.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children during the inspection, and observed children engaged in a variety of activities.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's documentation and her planning for children's progress.
- The inspector took account of the written views of parents.
- The inspector read and took into account the childminder's self-evaluation record.

## Inspector

Catherine Greene

## Inspection findings

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

The childminder teaches children exceptionally well so that they make excellent progress, and develop an enthusiasm for learning and many of the skills they need for school. She shows interest in their writing and encourages them to recognise the sounds of letters starting with the first letter in their names. She provides appropriate physical challenges so they can successfully do things independently. The childminder is exceptionally creative as she encourages children to explore their senses. Children are enthusiastic and independent learners who are extremely motivated and want to take part. They experiment with a variety of natural and everyday objects. The childminder talks to them about the interesting weather, as it is both sunny and raining. Children are inspired and eagerly look for a rainbow. When they come inside, she swiftly adapts the activity, so that children can enjoy the texture of multi-coloured rice that they explore with their fingertips and toes. The children are fascinated as they pour the rice into different vessels and watch it falling out of the opposite end of the tube. They clap delightedly with the encouragement of the childminder as they shout 'it's raining' and create a rainbow inside.

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

The childminder supports children to participate extremely well through interesting and creative play, so that they learn to think and take part. They play with an extensive variety of role-play resources that reflect positive images of diversity. They recreate their favourite stories as they gain an excellent awareness of their similarities and differences, and an understanding of others. Older children have exceptional social skills and show care for and interest in the younger children. They hold their hands on the way to school and are excellent role models as they follow rules for safety. The childminder is extremely warm and nurturing in her approach. She fully encourages the older children to contribute and be inventive. They skilfully create baskets of fruit and a goat from small construction materials so that the younger children can re-enact a story.

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

The childminder has an excellent knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She implements policies and procedures very successfully to ensure the safe and efficient management of the provision. The childminder actively identifies and acts on priorities for improvement. She fully understands the importance of carrying out regular evaluation of her training needs and sets out a clear action plan for the future.

## Setting details

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<b>Local authority</b>	Islington
<b>Inspection number</b>	833958
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	4
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	30 March 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in Archway, in the London Borough of Islington. She works each weekday throughout the year. She is a member of an approved childminding network.

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