

Childminder Report

Inspection date

22 May 2015

Previous inspection date

6 December 2011

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 has high expectations of all children and expertly supports them in achieving in all areas of learning and development.
- The childminder actively uses communication as a tool to promote children's learning and understanding. As a result, children are inquisitive and eager, and motivated to learn.
- The childminder encourages children to explore and make their own discoveries through play. She skilfully intervenes where needed, for example, to promote safety or further extend their learning.
- The childminder works collaboratively with parents to ensure that all learning experiences, whether at the child's home or at the childminder, are shared.
- The childminder actively promotes independence and uses excellent approaches to support children's move to other settings or school.
- The childminder shares a loving and caring relationship with the children, and they are extremely happy in her care.
- The childminder consistently promotes children's awareness of safety when playing. As a result, children are confident to take risks appropriate to their age.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of how to keep children safe from harm, and regularly updates her child protection knowledge to maintain this.
- The childminder demonstrates her pursuit of excellence through a strong drive to ensure the best outcomes for all children. The childminder does this through regularly and accurately identifying her strengths, weaknesses and any areas for improvement.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance further opportunities for children to explore with musical instruments.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector engaged with children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed children's indoor and outdoor play as well as their snack, lunch and hygiene routines.
- The inspector took account of parents' views through relevant and available documents.
- The inspector sampled a variety of relevant policies, procedures and risk assessments.

Inspector

Lauren Ferreira

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides an extremely wide variety of fun, interesting and stimulating resources, all easily accessible to children, both indoors and outdoors. For example, there is an outdoor book den that children enjoy using and an extensive range of role-play resources to extend children's imagination. Although, there are less extensive opportunities for children to take part in activities that incorporate a combination of music and movement, using musical instruments. Teaching is of an exceptionally high standard at all times, and the childminder uses every opportunity to promote and extend learning. As a result, children develop well beyond the expected levels for their age. The childminder's interactions with children are of an exceptionally high quality. She uses language to promote learning and expertly questions children in order to challenge their thinking and extend their learning. The childminder regularly and effectively monitors children's progress to identify future learning needs or any gaps in development.

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

The childminder skilfully promotes independence, even with very young children. For example, she encourages children to cut up their own snack, pour their own water, drink from proper cups, and manage some personal hygiene needs independently. The childminder effectively responds to children's wants according to their ability. For example, children who want to wash their hands independently are expertly supported by the childminder to do so. The childminder prioritises safety in all she does and equips children with appropriate safety knowledge. For example, children are shown how to use equipment safely and are taught about road safety. The childminder provides children with healthy and nutritious food and encourages them to drink water regularly. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to safeguard children and has relevant procedures in place to help her do so.

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

The childminder accurately self-evaluates her practice and strives to provide the best practice and provision at all times. She has an excellent partnership with parents and values the two-way flow of communication developed. This ensures continuity of learning and care at all times. She also carefully considers parents' views on the service she provides, and acts on their suggestions accordingly. The childminder has identified highly effective ways of working with other providers to ensure that relevant information is correctly shared for the benefit of the children. The childminder highly values professional development and actively engages in an excellent programme of professional development, to improve outcomes for children, parents and herself.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY431139
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	823663
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	6 December 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011. She lives in Farnham, Surrey. The childminder has a relevant level 3 qualification in childcare. She offers care Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 6pm for most of the year, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder also provides care for two days per week during school holidays.

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