

Childminder Report

Inspection date

21 May 2015

Previous inspection date

25 June 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

- The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to keep children safe. She completes risk assessments within her home and for outings to provide a safe play environment. She regularly updates her first aid and safeguarding training. This means she has a robust understanding of the procedures to follow in the event of an accident or if concerned about a child's welfare.
- Partnership working with parents is exceptional. Parents are fully involved in their children's learning and well-being. The childminder encourages parents to contribute information about children's learning at home so that children continue to make outstanding progress.
- The childminder has very strong links with other early years providers working with the children. This consistent approach promotes children's development very effectively and prepares them for the next stage in their learning.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of the learning and development requirements. The assessment of children's progress is rigorous and accurate. This helps to identify and close any gaps in children's learning, without hesitation or delay.
- The childminder supports children with English as an additional language exceptionally well. As a result, they make outstanding progress in their learning, from their starting points.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the already good ways of promoting children's learning outdoors even further, for example, by incorporating more print throughout the garden.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a tour of the premises with the childminder.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and her co-childminder about children's engagement in activities, and their development and progress.
- The inspector observed the childminder and co-childminder engage in a variety of learning experiences with the children.
- The inspector looked at a selection of documentation, including children's learning journals, records and written policies.

Inspector

Jane Franks

Inspection findings

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

The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of how young children learn and develop. Her outstanding approach to teaching results in children becoming interested in learning. For example, she adapts her teaching methods to suit the learning needs of all individual children. Younger children explore the texture of sand as it runs through their fingers. Older children develop their muscles, manipulating sand into balls. This helps them to develop an understanding of size and shape, and to investigate changing patterns. The childminder regularly shares books with children. She skilfully uses questioning to extend children's thinking, understanding and skills. The childminder develops children's emerging literacy skills well indoors, although there is less opportunity to see print and words consistently outdoors. Children show a growing interest and knowledge of technology. The childminder seizes this opportunity to teach children an understanding of letters and sounds. This helps prepare children for school.

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

Children flourish because of the sensitive support they receive. They approach the childminder confidently and demonstrate strong attachments. The childminder places a high focus on developing children's independence throughout all routines and activities. She provides a stimulating environment and uses the space well so children can access a wealth of learning opportunities. The childminder is a very good role model. As a result, children behave exceptionally well. They help their friends, learn to take turns and cooperate as they play. The childminder promotes children's well-being exceptionally well. She works with parents to provide a healthy and varied diet. Children enjoy daily fresh air in the garden. They grow vegetables and use a wide range of equipment, such as slides and wheeled toys. The childminder very effectively teaches children how to keep themselves safe. For example, children learn when and where it is safe to cross the road.

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

The childminder works in close partnership with a co-childminder. She has a secure knowledge of the welfare and safeguarding requirements. Robust documentation, including a good range of clearly written policies and procedures, help ensure the smooth running of the provision. The childminder evaluates her provision exceptionally well. She has successfully addressed all recommendations from the last inspection. This further drives improvement of her provision. The childminder attends training and networks with other childminders. As a result, she has developed and improved how she uses observations and assessments. This helps her to monitor children's learning very effectively to ensure rapid progress is made, and improve outcomes for children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY385650
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	829967
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	25 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She works with her mother, who is also a registered childminder, at her mother's home in Knaphill, in Surrey. The provision operates Monday to Thursday between 7.30 am and 6pm, and on Friday between 7.30 am and 3pm, all year round.

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