

Childminder Report

Inspection date

27 May 2015

Previous inspection date

29 April 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		Good	2
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

- The childminder has a secure understanding of the learning and development and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The childminder has a superb range of play resources, which she presents very creatively. This inspires toddlers to experiment and engage in high levels of imaginative play.
- The childminder has clear procedures in place for acting on concerns about a child's welfare. She carries out rigorous risk assessments on her home and for outings. She takes very effective action to reduce or eliminate accidents, while remaining mindful of children's need to develop independence.
- The childminder very successfully lays the foundations for children to adopt healthy and active lifestyle habits. Children enjoy a healthy diet and plenty of opportunities to engage in outdoor play and experiences.
- The childminder has recently completed a lengthy process of rigorous self-evaluation, which has led to improvements in her provision, in her partnership with parents and in processes for assessing and tracking children's progress, for example.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Toddlers are making good progress in their communication and language. However, the childminder does not always make maximum use of the rich variety of resources, to encourage and support their spoken language even more fully.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make full use of all the rich and varied resources, to provide even more support and encouragement for toddlers' spoken language.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in activity and routines, both inside and outside, and involved the childminder in these processes.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's practice with her and the impact of her teaching methods on children's learning and development.
- The inspector looked at children's progress records and a range of other documentation including those relating to safeguarding and the childminder's self-evaluation processes.
- The inspector sought and took account of the views of parents.

Inspector

Amanda Tyson

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has well-established effective processes in place for assessing children's ability when they first start with her, and for tracking and planning for their continued progress. As a result, all make good progress in their learning and development and so are well prepared for school. Toddlers benefit greatly from the wide range of creative and imaginative play and practical experiences the childminder provides for them. For example, children enjoy experimenting with different nature items mixed with small toy animals and coloured rice in large trays. They visit the pet shop and aquatic centre, and they are currently observing the development of baby robins in a nest which has appeared in a flowerbox. The childminder's enchanting garden playhouse, which has a picket fence garden and ornamental small animals, encourages high levels of pretend play. The childminder's focus on encouraging toddlers' developing hand-control skills helps them progress to using pencils and scissors. They use spoons to transfer pasta into containers and make marks using their fingers in the stiff consistency of cornflour and water.

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

Children are happy and settled in the childminder's care. They show a strong sense of belonging as they move freely around and between the inside and outside, initiating their own play. The childminder encourages children to develop good levels of independence. They feed themselves very competently and safely manage small steps. Children sleep comfortably in cots, at times consistent with their home routines. The childminder successfully distracts children from unwanted behaviour, and she agrees methods for dealing with typical toddler tantrums with parents, so that children receive consistent messages from adults. Children develop confidence and social skills through weekly visits to community play sessions with childminder. This helps prepare them very well for transfer to nursery or school when the time comes.

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

Parents hold the childminder in very high regard. They greatly appreciate that she involves them in reviewing and planning for children's progress and provides them with regular, written, developmental reports. The childminder makes good use of self-evaluation and training to improve her provision. For example, she supplements her paediatric first aid qualification with yearly refresher training to help ensure she is prepared for any eventuality. After attending a training course on outdoor learning, she purchased more resources to support children's investigations outdoors. Further plans are in place to introduce children to 'potion making', using natural items such as mud, leaves and twigs.

Setting details

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Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	29 April 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1999 and lives in Byfleet, Surrey. The childminder works Monday to Friday throughout the year. She is a member of the network of childminders accredited by Surrey County Council.

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