

Childminder Report

Inspection date	4 June 2015
Previous inspection date	26 March 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 works very closely with parents and her co-childminder to accurately monitor and promote children's learning. As a result, children make rapid progress in their learning in relation to their starting points when they first attend.
- The childminder provides a wealth of exciting activities for children to investigate, indoors and in the garden, to promote all areas of their learning.
- The childminder provides a broad range of books for children to explore. Younger children look at fabric books in the garden and older children read stories and use books to find out facts. However, older children cannot always see and choose books for themselves in the garden playhouse to extend their literacy further when playing outside.
- Children's health and safety is of paramount importance to the childminder. She maintains very safe and secure environments, and guides children closely on learning to keep safe at home and on outings.
- All parents enthusiastically share their views of the childminder's provision. Parents state their children have made huge progress in their learning and the childminder provides close support to ensure they work consistently together.
- The childminder has made many improvements since the last inspection. For example, she provides many opportunities for parents to borrow resources to further enhance their children's learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend older children's interest in books further when in the garden by ensuring they can see and choose books for themselves.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of the childminder's interaction with the children.
- The inspector observed the management of children's care routines.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's documentation and discussed her knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector observed the childminder working with her co-childminder and reviewed feedback from parents.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

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

The childminder plans each child's learning accurately and interacts with great skill to help every child fulfil their learning potential. The childminder uses skilful questioning and adapts activities very well to challenge children of all ages. At the inspection, children found hidden bags of objects in the garden. The childminder used these very effectively to inspire children to count, talk about colours, recognise numerals and sequence these correctly. She extended challenges further still when she asked children to decide which objects were heavy or light and provided time for them to think and consider this. Children took great pride in these achievements and remained fully involved for extensive periods. These carefully planned activities and the childminder's exceptional teaching skills engage children for extensive periods and inspire them to become highly motivated learners.

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

The childminder works extremely well with parents and her co-childminder to meet children's needs and routines consistently to a high standard. The childminder encourages children to take a familiar cuddly toy home with them and keep a diary of his adventures to share with everyone. This promotes children's well-being extremely successfully and consequently children are very happy and settled. The childminder responds rapidly to children's interests. At the inspection, children expressed an interest in a favourite story character. In response, the childminder spontaneously created an activity in which children made a pretend stew, reflecting an aspect of the story. Children led this activity as they mixed together water, flour and cereal in large bowls and described how their mixtures were changing. They took photographs of their creations and then found the book to read together. This promotes children's self-confidence and motivation to learn very effectively and prepares them extremely well for their future learning.

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

The childminder has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has an extremely secure understanding of her role and responsibilities to help safeguard children's welfare and the procedures to follow to help ensure children are protected. The childminder demonstrates a strong commitment to continuously drive further improvements to her excellent provision. She attends a wealth of training and events to extend her skills and make meaningful improvements which have a direct impact on children's care and learning. For example, she has used her skills from a sign language course to enhance children's communication and language skills further. She also works closely with her co-childminder to complete detailed self-evaluations and to share information from training courses to ensure they work consistently together.

Setting details

Unique reference number	109752
Local authority	Poole
Inspection number	824901
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	26 March 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in Canford Heath, Poole, Dorset. The childminder works with her husband who is also a registered childminder at the same address. The childminder offers care all day from Monday to Friday. She is accredited to receive funding for the provision of free nursery education for children aged two, three and four years old. The childminder is qualified to Level 3 in childcare and education.

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