

Childminder Report

Inspection date

3 June 2015

Previous inspection date

24 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

- Children's safety is given a high priority. The childminder has an outstanding knowledge of safeguarding children and what to do if she has any concerns. Her home provides a very safe environment for children to explore and thrive in. For example, there is a separate secure entrance for parents and children.
- Children use an exceptional selection of toys and activities in the dedicated playroom. These cover all areas of learning and help children to make outstanding progress. The childminder also makes good use of the garden to support children's learning but this is an area for continued development.
- The childminder has very strong relationships with children's key persons at the local nursery. They frequently share information about the children's progress and topics they are completing. As a result, there is excellent consistency in the support for children's learning.
- The childminder works exceptionally well with parents. She keeps them very well informed about their children's development in a number of ways, including using a topic board and two-way contact books.
- The childminder encourages a very healthy lifestyle for the children in her care. She displays a healthy eating board to encourage parents to provide nutritious lunches for children. In addition, children eat healthy snacks and get plenty of exercise and fresh air as they spend plenty of time outdoors.
- The childminder provides extensive support for children when they go to school. Children develop essential skills, such as putting on their own coats and shoes, and writing their names. She shares her assessments of the children's progress with teachers to help them understand the children's starting points.

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 the outdoor provision to provide children with an even more extensive range of learning experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at a sample of the childminder's documentation.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of the childminder's interactions with the children.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her self-evaluation.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an outstanding knowledge of how children learn and provides a very exciting range of stimulating learning opportunities. Children excitedly move from one exciting activity to another which keeps them fully engaged in their learning. For example, children relish playing with a toy farm. The childminder skilfully extends the activity by asking them to guess animal noises which she plays on a tablet computer and provides animal masks for them to wear. Children then identify different animals on the tablet. The childminder makes the most of every opportunity to help children learn. For example, when children are drawing, she introduces happy and sad faces to extend their understanding of feelings. She is skilled at introducing counting and colour recognition to all parts of the children's day. For example, children confidently count snacks and name the colours of the plates and cups. The childminder thoroughly assesses children's development which means she is able to recognise and meet any learning needs promptly.

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

The childminder provides children with a homely environment where they thrive and build very loving relationships with her. As a result, children feel very secure and the childminder meets their individual needs extremely well. The childminder provides children with exceptional opportunities throughout the day to build their confidence and independence. They play an important part in the daily routine, helping to set the table and prepare their snacks. Children help to keep the environment tidy and are exceptionally well behaved. The childminder praises their achievements using 'high fives'. This means that children feel valued and develop high self-esteem. The childminder provides a wide range of opportunities for children to engage in physical play, not only in the garden but also on their frequent outings.

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

The childminder has a superb understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She implements extensive policies and procedures that support her already excellent practice. The childminder rigorously monitors her practice to target areas for development and gains detailed feedback from the parents to help her with this process. The childminder has made many improvements to her provision that have significantly improved children's experiences. For example, she has developed the layout of her home to provide children with their own secure and exceptionally well-resourced play room. The childminder has also completed a childcare qualification. She has used what she has learnt to adapt her practice and this has led to children making rapid progress in all areas.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	24 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Egham, Surrey. The childminder offers care between 8am and 6pm but works flexibly to suit parents' needs.

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