

Childminder Report

Inspection date	4 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

- The childminder provides inspiring experiences that ensure children are exceptionally active learners. The children are remarkably confident to play, explore and investigate through activities that extensively hold their interest.
- The childminder uses her expert knowledge of how children learn to effectively plan for each child's ongoing development. As a result, all children make very rapid progress in their individual learning.
- The childminder is very successful in sensitively supporting children to settle well. This ensures the children are very happy and amazingly confident in making choices about their play.
- The children behave particularly well. The childminder's excellent use of positive methods encourages the children to begin to develop significant abilities for self-control.
- The childminder works in extraordinary partnership with other professionals. She provides a comprehensive record for children moving on to school or other settings.
- The childminder continually exchanges information with other settings that children attend and shares planning with them. As a result, she is able to ensure she has a detailed and accurate picture of each child's development needs.
- The childminder extensively evaluates what the children enjoy and learn from. She effectively uses her ongoing monitoring to ensure she maintains improvements in all areas of her work.
- The childminder has a good knowledge of how to safeguard children and promote their safety and welfare.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase children's access to writing materials to ensure they can practise their early writing skills at a wider range of activities, particularly outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at all areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector observed the childminder playing with the children and discussed the activities with her.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, children's assessment records and planning documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder and discussed her self-evaluation process.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents expressed in writing.

Inspector

Judith Harris

Inspection findings

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

Children enthusiastically play with exciting activities and experiences that inspire them to follow their own ideas. The childminder skilfully supports the children's interests by helping them to develop a water play game they have started in the garden. The children are thrilled as they help the childminder fetch soapy water and cloths to wash the cars and outdoor equipment. The childminder makes excellent use of this activity to extend the children's language skills by introducing new words and asking them lots of questions. She helps the children decide for themselves what toys they want to clean. The childminder is exceptionally confident in ensuring the children are able to develop solutions for themselves and to think independently. The older children use number with confidence as the childminder provides lots of opportunities for them to practise counting, although slightly less to practise pre-writing skills. The childminder provides an extraordinary range of outdoor activities and links to the natural world. This gives children an amazing knowledge of the world around them. The childminder's outstanding support ensures children rapidly gain the skills they need to prepare them for school.

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

The childminder's home is exceptionally warm, comfortable and welcoming. Children can freely choose from interesting resources that excite their curiosity. The childminder skilfully uses daily routines to encourage children to be thoroughly independent. At snack time all of the children are remarkably well supported to cut up their own fruit. As a result, children develop wonderful levels of confidence and self-esteem and learn how to manage their own safety. The childminder teaches children about healthy lifestyles through well-balanced snacks and a significant amount of exercise in the fresh air. The childminder ensures children have excellent opportunities to develop their physical skills and to handle tools with care. The childminder's extraordinary care ensures that children quickly develop the self-assurance needed for their next stage in their learning.

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

The childminder has a clear understanding of the requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Her excellent use of her qualification and training ensures she has the most recent information to successfully promote children's safety and learning. The childminder closely follows the children's progress through comprehensive and detailed individual learning records. As a result, she is highly effective in noticing any gaps in children's learning and works closely and skilfully with parents to close them. Since her last inspection, the childminder has worked extensively to develop her planning for children's ongoing learning. She provides resources to ensure children develop an excellent understanding of the wider world.

Setting details

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

The childminder registered in 2009 and she lives in Swindon. The childminder works all year round except bank holidays and family holidays. She works weekdays from 7am to 6pm. The childminder holds a level 3 qualification in early years.

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