

Childminder Report

Inspection date

9 June 2015

Previous inspection date

1 December 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 is extremely motivated and enthusiastic in her teaching. She provides an extensive range of exciting and interesting resources, and challenges children as they take part in their play. As a result, children are eager to learn and participate in all activities.
- The childminder has excellent partnerships with parents. She uses highly successful methods to share information with parents. This means that parents actively contribute to their children's learning, which supports their exceptional progress.
- The childminder demonstrates an excellent knowledge of how to protect children. She has an excellent knowledge of safeguarding and the procedure to follow regarding any concerns.
- The childminder completes precise assessments of children's development, to plan accurately focused activities for the next steps in children's learning. This means that they make rapid progress in relation to their starting points.
- The childminder rigorously reflects on the service she provides, evaluating her strengths and seeking to improve her provision. This significantly improves outcomes for children.
- The childminder teaches children the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle. She shares the weekly menu with parents and provides children with well-balanced, nutritious meals and snacks.

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 opportunities children's have to explore and investigate their interest in the natural world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a tour of the premises with the childminder.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about children's engagement in activities, their development and their progress.
- The inspector observed the 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 has an excellent understanding of how young children learn. She skilfully interacts with the children, asking questions and listening to their thoughts and ideas. This very effectively supports children's speaking skills. The childminder teaches children mathematical skills as they take part in their daily activities. For example, children learn to compare and match sizes as they dress their dolls during imaginary play. Young children enthusiastically show interest in books and enjoy singing songs and rhymes. The childminder provides many opportunities for children to explore the local community. Children enjoy walks across the local fields looking for bugs and insects. Consequently, children are curious learners. There are fewer opportunities for children to continue their interest in the natural world in the garden at home.

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

The childminder has a warm, friendly manner. Consequently, children have a secure bond and a lovely relationship with childminder and their friends. This supports their emotional well-being exceptionally well. As a result, children share, take turns and are kind to one another. Furthermore, children regularly visit groups within the local community, which helps them to develop confidence and social skills. The childminder actively seeks to find out about children's home routines, interests and needs from parents, which is extremely effective in helping children settle quickly. Parents are extremely happy with the care and learning the childminder provides. Written comments demonstrate her service has exceeded their expectations. The childminder teaches children how to keep safe at every opportunity. For example, children prepare their own fruit and vegetables, learning how to use utensils, such as knives, safely.

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She implements her robust policies and procedures in her daily practice, and carries out extensive risk assessments to keep children safe. As a result, children play and learn in a secure environment. The childminder manages all aspects of her provision to an outstanding standard. She regularly meets with other childminders and accesses training in order to improve her professional development. The childminder strongly integrates her new knowledge and skills into her practice. For example, she uses exemplary teaching skills to promote children's communication and language development. The childminder has established excellent partnerships with parents and other early years settings, and links with local schools. This provides continuity of care and learning, and supports children in confidently moving on to their next stage of learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Windsor & Maidenhead
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	1 December 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 2009. She lives in Eton, Berkshire. The provision operates Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, all year round.

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