

Childminder Report

Inspection date

9 June 2015

Previous inspection date

27 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 good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and she supports children's care and learning needs well.
- Children have formed strong attachments with the childminder and her assistant, which helps them feel happy and secure.
- Children make independent choices about their play because toys and resources are stored well to encourage children's independence.
- The childminder supervises her assistant well and she is thoroughly aware of the requirements regarding the use of assistants. Consequently, she obtains written permission from parents to allow the assistant to be left in sole charge of children for short periods.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not have access to tools and resources that they can use to explore their natural world in the outdoor learning environment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide tools and resources for children to use to explore and investigate the natural environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed all areas within the childminder's home used for childminding.
- The inspector engaged in discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation used by the childminder to underpin her practice and children's individual records.

Inspector

Samantha Smith

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a good understanding of how young children learn and develop. She supports their learning well through her calm, supportive and encouraging interactions as she engages in their play. She provides a wide range of activities and play experiences that cover most areas of learning well and provide appropriate levels of challenge. Children have good access to a range of resources and equipment so they are able to make independent choices about their play. Children have opportunities to draw and write. They use interesting resources that encourage their imaginative play and choose from a range of books. The childminder uses ongoing assessments of children's achievements to check that children are developing in line with expected levels of achievement.

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

Children are happy and settled in the childminder's warm and homely environment. They benefit from the close and caring relationships that they have established with her and her assistant. They respond well to the childminder and enjoy the hugs and cuddles they receive, particularly when they have just woken from sleep. Children are helped to develop their early skills ready for their future learning. For example, through regular visits to local toddler groups, children learn to mix and play with other children. This helps children become aware of the need to learn to share and cooperate. The childminder meets children's physical care needs well and promotes their understanding of healthy living effectively. She provides them with healthy snacks and regular drinks throughout the day and children have daily opportunities to enjoy fresh air and exercise as they engage in outdoor activities.

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

The childminder organises her setting well and she works well with her assistant to support children's care and learning needs. She has a good understanding of the procedures if she has a concern about the welfare of a child. She has a positive attitude towards her professional development and promoting positive outcomes for children. She keeps her knowledge of childminding up to date through her attendance on relevant training. She works closely with the local children's centre and other childminders to share good practice. She has addressed the recommendations from her last inspection and she evaluates her practice to identify strengths and areas of improvement. All this helps the childminder maintain the good standards of her provision. She has built good relationships with parents and other early years provisions that children attend to promote a shared approach to children's care and learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Haringey
Inspection number	842146
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	27 April 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 2001. She lives in Wood Green, in the London Borough of Haringey. She works with her husband who is her registered assistant. The childminder operates Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm all year round.

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