

Childminder Report

Inspection date

8 June 2015

Previous inspection date

10 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 gives her utmost priority to safeguarding children. She uses her expert knowledge of the signs of abuse and awareness of her responsibility to protect and fully safeguard children.
- The childminder has high expectations of the children and provide challenges that promote their learning and development well. This in turn, enables them to gain the knowledge and skills they will need for their eventual move to school.
- The childminder is skilled in managing children's behaviour and is an excellent role model. Her high expectations and well-established routines support children's outstanding behaviour. Consequently, children are so deeply involved with their learning that they behave extremely well.
- The childminder establishes excellent relationships with parents and provides a fully inclusive service so that all families and children are welcome. She regularly seeks the views of parents and others about her service and acknowledges and values their contributions.
- The childminder continually develops her provision to the highest level and supports children to maintain the highest levels of achievement. She is extremely proactive in making improvements to her provision and has successfully addressed the recommendations from her previous inspection.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the use of resources, including puppets and props, to sustain further the children's rapidly progressing interest in books and songs.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's house and viewed areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector talked with the childminder and the children at appropriate times throughout the inspection. She also reviewed an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including children's planning and assessment records, evidence of the suitability checks of household members, self-evaluation records and safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents as given in their written feedback to the childminder.

Inspector

Amanda Allen

Inspection findings

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

Planning and assessment arrangements for children are precise and sharply focused which enables individual children to make excellent progress. The childminder interacts very skilfully with the children and, as a result, children reach or exceed expected levels of development. This is particularly evident in relation to children's self-confidence, and speech and language development. Children are very motivated in their play and talk confidently about their discoveries. For example, they showed great interest as they moved their hands through cornflour, making shapes with a toy spider and counting its legs. The childminder helps all children to develop a love of books and songs. They confidently perform all the actions and listen intently to stories overall. However, sometimes, the childminder does not consistently sustain their interest, for example, through the use of additional props and resources. The childminder makes excellent use of children's interests to build on their individual achievements. Children concentrate and persist during activities and are very well prepared for their future and starting school.

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

The childminder works exceptionally well with parents to identify and meet children's individual emotional needs. Children laugh with pleasure as she initiates and joins in a selection of parachute games. Excellent relationships with parents ensure they are fully engaged in their children's learning in the setting and at home. The childminder constantly pays attention to how children engage in activities. She provides them with exceptional guidance and support that promotes their independence. Consequently, children are confident to make choices and tell the childminder what they want to do. For example, they choose resources from the extremely well-resourced playroom and develop their imaginations as they dress up as doctors and police officers. Children's good health and physical well-being are exceptionally well promoted. The childminder provides regular opportunities for children to play in her garden, the local parks, and woodland areas.

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

The childminder is highly qualified and constantly looks at which additional training courses she can attend. She uses her extensive knowledge to effectively implement all the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and promote excellent outcomes for children. She has an excellent knowledge of her responsibility to protect children's welfare and keep them safe. She meticulously maintains all the required records. The childminder demonstrates an exceptional drive for improvement and continued excellence. She monitors the activities and experiences that she provides for children, using suitable guidance to accurately target children's achievement.

Setting details

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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	10 December 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009 and lives in Harold Hill, in the London Borough of Havering. She operates Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 6.30pm, all year round except for public holidays and family holidays.

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