

Childminder Report

Inspection date

12 June 2015

Previous inspection date

13 November 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 provides a welcoming home environment for children. This helps them to settle quickly and feel secure.
- The childminder plans a variety of interesting experiences for children that offer them challenges and motivate them to learn. As a result, they all make good progress in their development.
- Children especially enjoy playing in the well-planned garden where they take part in a good variety of outdoor learning experiences.
- The childminder works closely with parents and keeps them well informed. She talks to parents every day and shares children's files with them regularly. This helps to involve parents in their child's learning.
- The childminder shows a positive attitude to continually developing and improving her practice. She evaluates what she does and is keen to attend further training. This has a positive impact on the quality of the provision.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not organise resources effectively to encourage children's independence or make full use of signs and labels to support children's early literacy skills. A good variety of resources are available but children cannot always easily see what is inside the boxes to choose things for themselves.
- The childminder does not always share as much information as possible with all other early years settings that children attend. She speaks to them frequently but is not always fully up to date with the targets they have set individual children to ensure a consistent approach.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of resources to further enhance children's independence and to increase their understanding of print
- strengthen systems for sharing information with all the other early years settings that children attend to further promote a consistent approach to their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children taking part in activities inside and in the garden.
- The inspector had discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled records, including children's files and other relevant paperwork.
- The inspector looked at the areas of the childminder's home that children use.
- The inspector read questionnaires and letters from parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Rebecca Khabbazi

Inspection findings

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

The childminder gets to know children well. She makes regular observations of their achievements that enable her to plan activities around their age and needs. She teaches children a range of useful skills that effectively prepare them for the next stage of learning and for school. She talks to children as they play, asks questions and encourages conversations. This supports their communication and language skills well. She encourages children to persevere with tasks. Children became engrossed in mixing water with the sand and the childminder gave them time and space to explore this fully. She helps children learn about the natural world through practical experiences. Children were keen to fill the watering can to feed their strawberry plant and see how much it had grown. The childminder helps children develop their physical skills when she shows them how to throw a beanbag to knock down a stack of cans and they practise for themselves.

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

The childminder is warm and responsive towards the children. This effectively promotes their emotional and physical well-being. Children quickly grow in confidence. The childminder checks her home and garden every day to ensure they are safe. As a result, children move around confidently and independently. The childminder supervises children vigilantly. She teaches them about how to keep themselves safe, for example, when they cross the road. Children take part in regular fire drills so they know what to do in an emergency. The childminder promotes children's good health effectively. She helps children learn simple, good hygiene routines that help minimise the risk of cross infection, such as washing hands before they eat. Children play outside every day as part of a healthy lifestyle, enjoying the fresh air and exercise.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She maintains all required records conscientiously. She is familiar with child protection procedures, which helps her safeguard children's welfare. She makes good use of local training to develop her skills. For instance, since the last inspection, she has developed her understanding of observation and assessment by attending a course. This has helped her to monitor children's progress more closely, for example, by using tracking sheets. This means she successfully identifies any areas where children are doing well or where they might need more support. Comments from parents show that they value the childminder highly and are happy with the care she provides. They feel that their children are safe, well cared for and making good progress.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	13 November 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in Purley, in the London Borough of Croydon. She cares for children each weekday throughout the year.

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