

Childminder Report

Inspection date

12 June 2015

Previous inspection date

26 February 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 a stimulating range of activities that children enjoy and that promote their learning in all areas. Children join in with excitement and enthusiasm. Consequently, they make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Since her last inspection, the childminder has completed a relevant childcare qualification. This has greatly enhanced her practice and her understanding of how children learn. As a result, she provides teaching and care that promote excellent outcomes for children.
- Partnerships with parents are highly effective. The childminder shares a wide range of information with parents. They are highly involved in children's learning and share details of their achievements from home. This helps provide excellent continuity in learning between the home and the childminder, to help children reach their full potential.
- The childminder forms secure and nurturing relationships with children. As a result, children develop high levels of self-esteem and confidence.
- Robust safeguarding procedures help to ensure children are protected when in the childminder's care. She has an excellent understanding of how to safeguard children and implements her policies effectively.
- The childminder is highly reflective and continuously strives to improve her practice. She takes into account children's and parents' views to help ensure she maintains her outstanding practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide opportunities for those children who prefer to learn outside to explore an even greater variety of media and materials outdoors to extend their creativity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the areas used for childminding.
- The inspector examined a selection of policies, documents and children's records.
- The inspector observed children and the childminder during play and carried out a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector read testimonials from parents to gain their views.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's self-evaluation process.

Inspector

Alison Southard

Inspection findings

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

Children make excellent progress and flourish in the childminder's care. The childminder makes precise assessments of children's progress to carefully identify their individual next steps for learning. She is extremely skilled in capturing and developing children's learning. For example, children excitedly take part in a variety of exercises and afterwards the childminder asks them to feel how fast their hearts are beating. The childminder provides children with exceptional opportunities indoors to be creative. For example, she recently invited parents to bring in instruments from different countries to share with children. Children confidently explore musical instruments, while singing familiar songs. They also have occasions to be highly creative through craft activities, drawing and imaginative play, although the provision for creativity is not as impressive outside. The childminder is highly effective at developing children's communication through skilful questions and repeating words. An extensive range of reading and writing activities helps children to prepare extremely well for school. Children have excellent opportunities to learn about differences in society, which greatly enhances their understanding of the world.

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

The childminder's caring and nurturing nature means that children naturally form very secure attachments. Children behave exceptionally well and respond positively to the childminder's consistent praise and encouragement. The childminder places a strong focus on children's safety. She regularly practises the evacuation drill and discusses road safety when on outings. The childminder successfully teaches children to learn about healthy lifestyles and hygienic practices. As a result, children eat healthy meals and develop an excellent understanding of healthy lifestyles. Regular outings and visits to different groups allow children to mix with other adults and children. These enriching experiences promote children's social skills significantly. The childminder supports children extremely well and they become confident learners. This prepares them exceptionally well for school.

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

The childminder demonstrates an exceptionally competent approach to all aspects of her work with children. She is highly organised and ensures that she keeps her knowledge up to date to enhance her outstanding practice through regular training and conferences. She attends network meetings with other childminders and offers support to new childminders. She plans challenging and enjoyable learning experiences for children and monitors their development extremely well. This helps to ensure excellent outcomes for children. The childminder has an excellent understanding of what would give her concerns about a child's welfare and carries out regular risk assessments to safeguard children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	150742
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	841871
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	26 February 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2001. She lives in Farnborough, Hampshire. The childminder works Monday to Friday for most of the year. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at Level 3.

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