

Childminder Report

Inspection date

11 June 2015

Previous inspection date

14 May 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		Outstanding	1
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 is highly skilled and sensitive in supporting children to form secure emotional attachments. This provides an exceptionally strong base for them to develop their independence and to explore.
- The childminder provides the children with a wealth of opportunities to experience the outdoor environment, learn about the world around them and practise their physical skills.
- The childminder has a level 3 early years qualification. The quality of teaching is good as she provides a broad range of interesting and challenging activities. Therefore, children of all ages are consistently occupied and engaged in their play and are making good progress.
- The childminder's knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements are thorough. As a result, children's safety is given the highest priority as safe practice is firmly embedded; this helps ensure that children are kept safe and protected from harm.
- The childminder effectively evaluates the provision, which enables her to identify what she can do to bring about continuous improvement.
- Partnerships with other providers that children attend are effective. The childminder shares information to complement children's learning and to meet their individual needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not yet share all possible information with parents about how they could support their child's learning at home, to promote this even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen existing systems for sharing information with parents, in order to give them even more support to promote their children's further learning at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a tour of the premises used for childminding purposes.
- The inspector evaluated a planned activity with the childminder.
- The inspector discussed self-evaluation and children's learning with the childminder. She looked at a selection of children's records, planning information, suitability checks and qualification certificates.
- The inspector took into account the written views of parents.

Inspector

Marina Howarth

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides a broad range of challenging activities that engage children's interests. Children's enjoyment of exploring dry sand is further enhanced when the childminder introduces additional resources. Children flap their arms with delight as the childminder encourages them to observe the changes in texture and appearance. Children initiate their own ideas as they mix and mould and pretend to make dinner, developing their imagination and coordination skills. The childminder actively involves herself in children's play. Her warmth and animated manner engage older children easily in conversations, and younger children are keen to repeat simple words and sentences. The childminder completes meaningful, good quality observations and assessments. She uses this information to track and plan for children's continued development and ensures they continue to make good progress. The childminder works closely with parents and they are kept well informed of their children's development and activities. There is, however, potential to work together even more effectively, for example, by sharing imaginative, targeted ideas with parents to support children's learning at home.

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

All children show an extremely strong sense of belonging and have formed excellent relationships with the childminder. They thoroughly enjoy exploring the highly stimulating environment, both indoors and outdoors. As a result, children are excited and motivated to learn and they eagerly join in activities. The extensive range of high-quality resources and equipment enables them to investigate and develop their ideas and interests, as they learn through hands-on experience. The childminder has a superb approach to guiding children to become more independent. They confidently manage a wide range of self-care skills and develop their knowledge of healthy lifestyles. They prepare their own lunch using nutritious healthy ingredients. Children demonstrate extremely good manners as they are encouraged and independently say 'please' and 'thank you'. Rules and boundaries are consistent and children respond exceptionally well, demonstrating how they are learning behavioural expectations. This helps children to develop important attitudes towards learning, which prepare them well for school.

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

The childminder has a secure understanding of her responsibility in safeguarding children, such as how to deal with child protection concerns. All required documentation is maintained and implemented to a high standard. This is reflected in the childminder's practice and shared with parents. The childminder understands the importance of self-evaluation and clearly identifies her targets for future improvement. She attends a variety of training, which further improves her existing good practice. Consequently, children are well supported to make good progress towards the early learning goals.

Setting details

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Local authority	Manchester
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	14 May 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2008 and lives in the Fallowfield area of Manchester. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3.

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