

Childminder Report

Inspection date

17 June 2015

Previous inspection date

15 March 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 has an exemplary understanding of how to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She has a thorough knowledge of child protection and knows what action to take should she have concerns about the welfare of a child.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to meet the learning and development requirements. She plans a wide range of interesting activities which engage children in exploring and experimenting with what they can do.
- Children's well-being is outstanding. The childminder builds extremely close attachments with babies and children so they can confidently separate from their parents and be ready to play. This is key in promoting their emotional development.
- The childminder builds highly effective partnerships with parents. She meets with them frequently to share progress reports and update information about children's care needs. She also consults with them about any changes so they are very well informed about her provision.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- refine the provision for mathematical development by providing further challenge for more able children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children at play in the childminder's home.
- The inspector examined a range of documentation.
- The inspector and childminder discussed safeguarding, such as ongoing suitability and children's supervision.

Inspector

Susan McCourt

Inspection findings

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

The childminder and parents work closely together when children start in order to establish the children's current levels of achievement. The childminder then plans activities based on children's interests and abilities so that they enjoy challenging and stimulating play. The childminder tracks children's learning against published guidance and frequently refines their next steps in learning. As a result, children make outstanding progress in their development. The childminder has excellent teaching skills. Children are very independent and eager to play, and the childminder is very skilled at judging when to join or ask questions. Her conversations with the children are tailored to build their thinking skills as she asks how something works or what might happen. As a result, children are interested in experimenting and having a go with new ideas. They gain a mature vocabulary in the process. On occasion, the childminder does not fully stretch children who are more able and show an interest in mathematics.

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

The childminder has created an excellent learning environment for children to build their independence and make choices. This means they are highly motivated to play and learn. She extends this into the community by organising group activities with colleagues which give children a wider range of top quality resources to use. This also gives children more opportunities to learn social skills and cooperate in play, so they are very confident in taking turns and understanding their feelings. As a result, children acquire exemplary skills to help them in their future learning. The childminder knows the routine of each individual child and meets their care needs very well. Children eat a healthy range of freshly-cooked meals and snacks, and enjoy frequent outdoor play. This promotes their physical development extremely well.

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

The childminder has an inspiring approach to her work and is innovative in her professional development. She organises courses for herself and local childminders, and stays up to date with best practice through her contacts with professional organisations. This has a strong impact on her work with children as she has a thorough understanding of her role. The childminder reflects on her practice and consults with parents to gather their views. She regularly reviews her learning resources in light of children's interests and devises well-targeted action plans to make improvements. The childminder and her well-supervised assistant have clearly defined roles as she carries out most of the children's learning and development. Her assistant largely helps in practical ways when the out-of-school children are present. These clear roles mean children enjoy excellent supervision.

Setting details

Unique reference number	136724
Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	1016820
Type of provision	Childminder
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	15 March 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 1982. She lives in West Wickham, Bromley and her husband is her registered assistant. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at Level 4 and is available to provide childcare all day Monday to Friday, including some school holidays.

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