

Childminder Report

Inspection date

17 June 2015

Previous inspection date

25 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 demonstrates an excellent knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She offers children an extremely broad variety of rich learning experiences.
- The childminder has an extremely good knowledge of children's progress. She observes and assesses children's learning very accurately and plans their next steps in learning extremely well. As a result, children progress rapidly and they are extremely ready for the next stages in their learning.
- Children have extremely warm relationships with the childminder, who is highly proactive in promoting their independence, confidence and ability to learn.
- The childminder is extremely well organised. She implements her highly effective policies, procedures and risk assessments to promote children's well-being. She is very proactive in teaching children how to keep themselves safe and healthy.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of her responsibility to safeguard children. She is extremely confident in child protection matters and the procedures to follow should there be a concern about a child. She also ensures her assistant understands her policies and procedures, and safeguarding matters.
- The childminder reflects very well on her practice. She takes into account the views of others sharing the care of the children and has a very clear focus for her continuous improvement.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen opportunities for children to learn about volume, time, length and weight, to fully promote their early mathematical skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children playing inside and outdoors, and during their interactions with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with the children and read letters from parents about the childminder's practice.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder the effectiveness of training and also checked how well she evaluates her provision.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's documentation, including those used on an online system. She sampled children's learning records.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about how she plans for children's learning, and how she works with parents and other professionals.

Inspector

Aileen Finan

Inspection findings

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

This enthusiastic childminder makes a highly positive impact on how children learn and develop. She has an excellent understanding of children's development when they start and makes precise assessments to enable her to understand the progress children make. She regularly shares this progress and other information with parents, who are encouraged to share observations from home. This very good practice promotes extremely good partnerships between the childminder and parents. Through extremely well-planned activities, children explore confidently. The childminder has excellent communication and interaction skills. She communicates very well with children and offers explanations, praise and encouragement to motivate children to learn. Children enjoy a broad range of activities. They join in with rhymes using finger puppets and anticipate familiar endings confidently. Children explore with water and learn about the differences between containers and funnels. Overall, the childminder demonstrates an exceptional ability to extend children's learning. Occasionally she does not take all opportunities to help older children extend their mathematical development.

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

The childminder's home is an extremely well-resourced and challenging learning environment that promotes children's learning incredibly well. The childminder is very attentive to children's needs. They have extremely warm relationships with her and play contentedly alongside each other. Children behave exceptionally well. They are learning about healthy lifestyles and understand the importance of hand-washing routines and eating healthy foods. They can identify their personal drinking cups. Children benefit from regular outdoor experiences. They enjoy well-planned outings. This very good practice encourages children's understanding of the local community. It also helps them to socialise with others, as well as receive plenty of fresh air and exercise.

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

The childminder provides an outstanding provision of care. She has an extremely good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder places an outstanding value on how she safeguards children. Her day-to-day practice in how she implements the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage is secure. Partnerships with other professionals who share care of the children are extremely well established. This means the childminder is able to promote extremely good continuity in children's learning. The childminder is highly effective in promoting her ongoing professional development. She has implemented an extensive training programme. She reflects positively on how this has had a very strong impact on her practice and the outcomes for children.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	25 February 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Taplow, near Maidenhead, Berkshire. The childminder works each weekday throughout most of the year. She occasionally works with her husband who is her assistant. The childminder holds an appropriate childcare qualification at Level 3.

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