

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 June 2015

Previous inspection date

18 November 2008

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

- Children make excellent progress due to the childminder's comprehensive understanding of the areas of learning and her effective teaching skills.
- The childminder offers the children a highly-stimulating, safe environment where their independence is promoted and the childminder supports them to learn through their play.
- The childminder's detailed and organised records have a significant impact on her planning and assessments for each individual child. She checks children's individual progress across all areas of learning and quickly focuses on closing any gaps in their achievement.
- The childminder's highly successful exchange of information with parents results in children having continuity of care and learning with her and in their home.
- The childminder is committed to meeting children's needs and in continuing to develop her practice to ensure that outcomes for children are increased. She undertakes courses and researches inspiring activities that help children learn.
- The childminder successfully uses her immediate environment to demonstrate the link between farming and the food we eat.
- Children are motivated and inquisitive learners. They enjoy a good range of sensory play. The childminder promotes children's language well through their chosen activities. However, the nursery rhyme music or radio is always on resulting in a constant background noise, which is distracting.
- The childminder successfully uses the sounds of the local area to encourage children to listen carefully and they learn to identify the sounds of the countryside like animals and farm vehicles.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use music more effectively to promote further children's learning and not as background noise.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the interactions between the childminder and children.
- The inspector sampled records kept on the children including their learning journeys and assessments.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled documents kept that supports the childminder's practice.
- The inspector discussed and viewed documentation linked to safeguarding.

Inspector

Amanda Shedden

Inspection findings

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

The childminder is very enthusiastic about caring for and teaching children. She organises purposeful and innovative activities that enhance children's learning. She uses her knowledge and skills to identify their next stage in learning and into a wide variety of activities that underpin children's excellent progress. These support, in particular, their understanding of the world and their communication skills. Children watch farmers harvesting and learn that the wheat is baled. They learn that it goes to factories to be made into food or used to feed animals. The childminder uses these experiences well to extend children's learning. For example, she provides children with various resources, such as cereal in their imaginative farm play. She speaks clearly to the children modelling language as they learn new words, which helps to extend their vocabulary in readiness for their next stage in learning.

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

Children thrive in the childminder's care, as she is fully aware of their care and learning needs. Children benefit from the child-friendly and stimulating environment where there is an extensive range of good quality resources indoors and in the garden. The childminder uses the garden extremely effectively to promote children's understanding of nature, identifying features of the world around them. Children tend the plants they grow. They begin to understand size as they compare the growth of their sunflowers, or choose which size slide they want to use. Children are independent, deciding what they want to play with and learning about self-care skills. They sing a song when washing their hands and cut up their own fruit at snack time. The childminder teaches children about sharing and taking turns, always focusing on the positives of their behaviour, which boosts their self-esteem. Consequently, children gain essential skills for their future learning.

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

The childminder is extremely professional. She is well organised and has an extensive understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She strives to maintain her high professional standards and has created her own comprehensive electronic system to observe and assess the children. Her resourcefulness results in her obtaining or making good quality resources to enhance children's learning. She has an excellent understanding of her role in protecting children. She updates her safeguarding training regularly. She evaluates her provision with support from parents and uses information from training to develop her practice. For example, she has recently increased the range of sensory resources indoors and outside to enhance children's sensory experiences.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
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Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	18 November 2008
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in a village on the outskirts of Winchester. She operates each weekday all year round.

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