

Childminder Report

Inspection date

30 June 2015

Previous inspection date

22 October 2010

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 successfully adapts activities to accommodate children's interests. As a result, she captures children's attention and they engage well in their learning.
- The childminder provides fun learning experiences for children, meaning children are motivated and eager to explore, and make good progress in their learning.
- The childminder's promotion of children's well-being is outstanding. Children build extremely close friendships with others. They learn to play harmoniously together, through the childminder's thoroughly sensitive guidance, and great care and respect for all.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of how to protect and safeguard children. Through the implementation of good policies and procedures, she actively promotes children's safety and welfare.
- The childminder has strong partnerships with parents to involve them in their children's learning. She uses questionnaires to include parents in evaluating her practice. Parents express their complete satisfaction with the care that the childminder provides.
- The childminder is enthusiastic and continuously develops her childcare practice. She researches information and completes additional training. This has a positive effect on children, as she ensures that her daily practice supports her in promoting their safety, welfare and development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not currently make the best use of her garden to provide a wide range of challenging learning opportunities for children when outdoors.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the outdoor environment to provide even greater educational challenges for children who learn better outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed snack time and lunchtime routines, and children at play throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled written observations, planning documentation and a selection of policies and children's records.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers through their written comments.
- The inspector held joint discussions with the childminder in relation to observations of the children's play, learning and progress, and the childminder's self-evaluation process.

Inspector

Anneliese Fox-Jones

Inspection findings

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

The quality of teaching is good. The childminder observes children as they play and carefully assesses this to summarise their development and successfully identify their learning priorities. This helps her to address any gaps in their learning through her planning. The childminder supports children's communication and language skills well. Children have good opportunities to be creative and imaginative. They enjoy making marks using their fingers and various tools, and use stickers, glue and chunky crayons to create their own pictures. The childminder provides a good commentary of children's actions, and questions them well to develop their understanding of numbers, shapes and colours. However, she does not always continue the challenging learning opportunities outdoors for those children who learn better outside. Nonetheless, younger children become competent learners and make good progress in preparation for their future learning.

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

Children form very strong attachments with the childminder. They are extremely happy and relaxed in her welcoming home. The childminder expertly uses a catalogue of her resources to support children's independent choices from the vast range of toys and equipment. Children's behaviour is excellent. The childminder teaches children exceptionally well about expected behaviour through gentle, consistent messages and very clear boundaries. Children display remarkably good manners and say 'please' and 'thank you' without any prompting. The childminder supports children's excellent understanding of healthy lifestyles exceptionally well. She provides freshly cooked, nutritious meals and snacks each day. Children follow excellent hygiene practices and eagerly wash their hands at appropriate times. The childminder regularly uses local facilities, her garden and nearby parks. This means children are active, enjoy the fresh air and have fantastic fun.

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

The childminder has a clear understanding of the learning and development requirements. Since her last inspection, she has made good improvements to her practice, for example, to monitor children's progress closely. There is a good two-way flow of information with parents through daily communication and regularly sharing a summary of her observations. This informs them of their children's ongoing learning and development. The childminder's effective self-evaluation includes the views of parents and children. The childminder has a secure knowledge of local safeguarding and child protection procedures to take appropriate action should she have any concerns. She provides a safe and secure environment for children to explore freely and independently.

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	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	22 October 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Basingstoke, Hampshire and operates Monday to Friday, all year round.

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