

Childminder Report

Inspection date

7 July 2015

Previous inspection date

31 May 2011

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		Good	2
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 regularly reflects upon her practice and the service she provides. She has successfully met the recommendations from her last inspection. The childminder has a positive attitude to continually make improvements to her setting.
- The childminder has recently gained a level 3 qualification in childcare and attends training courses; this has a positive impact on teaching and children's learning.
- The childminder knows each child extremely well; she follows their routines and care needs effectively. As a result, children are very happy, confident and thrive in this welcoming environment.
- Children enjoy a wide range of interesting activities and resources which provide suitable challenges and result in children's eagerness to learn through play.
- Children behave well and are learning how to respect and be kind to one another. They learn about other people through taking part in outings into the local community and through discussion.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, the childminder does not give children the correct pronunciation to the words they use, to extend further their vocabulary and communication skills.
- The childminder does not maximise opportunities to promote children's understanding of the reasons for eating healthily and making healthy choices.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the already good teaching methods used, through consistently providing children with the correct pronunciation of words during conversations
- enhance children's understanding of the reason for eating nutritious food and how to make healthy choices, to increase their awareness of how to keep themselves healthy.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and observed children playing.
- The inspector made a joint observation of an activity with the childminder and discussed children's development.
- The inspector looked at children's development records, a selection of policies, children's records and evidence of suitability.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the information provided in the childminder's self-evaluation document and written references from parents.

Inspector

Hazel Farrant

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 consistently good. The childminder has a secure knowledge of how children learn which enables her to plan effectively for children's individual needs. Children listen to the childminder, share resources and have high levels of self-esteem. As a result, children are confident, motivated to learn and develop the skills they need to start school. The childminder provides effective commentary during activities and daily routines. She provides suitable challenges and children are becoming confident communicators. Young children blend shaving foam and paint together, making swirls with their fingers and paint brushes; this helps to promote their early writing skills. The childminder works closely with parents and has effective systems in place to involve them fully in their children's learning. She tracks and assesses children's progress effectively. This enables her to clearly plan for children's next steps in learning and swiftly close any gaps that she identifies. As a result, children are making good progress in their learning.

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

Children settle quickly because they enjoy spending time with the childminder who is extremely warm, caring and kind. She supports children's emotional and physical well-being effectively because she works closely with parents, right from the start. The childminder follows children's routines, and medical and dietary requirements very well. Children benefit from the healthy snacks and meals she provides and independently help themselves to drinks of water whenever they wish. However, she misses opportunities to discuss the benefits of healthy eating with them. Children enjoy playing in the fresh air each day and develop good physical skills. Children are learning how to manage risks. The childminder encourages them to position play equipment away from any hazards so that they learn how to negotiate space safely.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of her responsibilities in meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. All required documentation is in place and underpins the effective running of this childcare setting. She ensures that children remain safe through effectively risk assessing her home and garden. The childminder recognises signs and symptoms that would cause her concern in regard to child protection issues. She has a detailed safeguarding policy which she shares with parents so that they are also aware of the procedures she must follow. The childminder forms effective partnerships with other settings that children also attend. This has a positive impact of continuity of children's care and learning needs.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	832532
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	31 May 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Woking, Surrey. The childminder's provision operates from Monday to Friday for most of the year.

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