

Childminder Report

Inspection date

8 July 2015

Previous inspection date

30 November 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 quality of teaching is excellent. Therefore, children make extremely good progress towards the next stages in their learning.
- The childminder knows children exceptionally well. She continually observes and assesses children's development and monitors their changing interests. Consequently, she effectively plans activities to stimulate children's enthusiasm for learning and their eagerness to explore.
- The childminder skilfully promotes young children's physical, social and communication skills. However, children have slightly fewer opportunities to explore electronic equipment and further build on their knowledge and understanding of the world.
- The childminder is very consistent in her expectations of children's behaviour and gently helps them to learn to keep themselves safe as they play. Therefore, children form trusting relationships with her and thrive in a loving and caring environment.
- Partnership with parents is very strong and this results in a united approach in children's care and learning. This significantly promotes children's positive emotional well-being and they settle extremely well.
- Safeguarding arrangements are outstanding as the childminder has an excellent understanding of the procedures to follow to protect children's well-being. She has recently completed additional training to further strengthen her knowledge and understanding.
- The childminder's secure understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage reflects in her excellent practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the range of resources even further to strengthen children's understanding of technology.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning both inside and outside.
- The inspector carried out discussions with the childminder at appropriate times.
- The inspector sampled policies and procedures and children's developmental records.
- The inspector took into account the written views of parents.

Inspector

Geetha Ramesh

Inspection findings

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

Children flourish in this rich learning environment. The childminder uses her expert knowledge of how children learn to skilfully extend their learning as they play. For example, she introduces young children to various parts of the body by touching, moving and pointing to body parts in response to music. Her inspirational interactions with children mean that children watch her intently, copy actions, exchange smiles and thoroughly enjoy their learning experiences. Children develop their creativity and learn about textures, for example, as they explore paints with their fingers. The childminder introduces words to describe their experience and this promotes young children's communication and language development. The childminder regularly takes children on outings to singing sessions and toddler groups. This provides further opportunities for children to interact with others and effectively build on their communication and social skills.

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

The childminder's home is extremely welcoming and is organised very well in order to meet the needs of children in her care. Therefore, children develop high levels of confidence as they freely explore in a safe and friendly environment. The childminder provides appropriate equipment, such as a high chair, to promote children's independence during mealtimes. They learn to make healthy choices as the childminder provides them with very nutritious food including fruits and vegetables. Children exercise and get fresh air as they continue their learning outside in the childminder's highly stimulating garden. For example, children complete a floor puzzle and they crawl around to reach various parts of the puzzle. They also strengthen their newly found walking skills using a wide variety of equipment. These activities motivate children's learning extremely well and build their confidence in trying new and challenging activities.

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

The childminder is highly reflective of her practice and completes comprehensive self-evaluation to identify areas that need further development. She seeks the views of parents and children in planning for improvements, which enables her to provide continually excellent outcomes for children. The childminder works very effectively in partnership with the local authority childcare development advisors to identify her training needs. This helps her to consistently raise the quality of the provision and aim for very high standards in children's care and learning. The childminder regularly monitors children's progress to identify gaps in their learning. She knows the procedures to follow and the external agencies to contact to seek advice for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Therefore, all children make excellent progress from their starting points.

Setting details

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Local authority	Greenwich
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Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	1
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	30 November 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in the London Borough of Greenwich. The childminder provides childcare all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays during most of the year.

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