

Childminder Report

Inspection date

9 July 2015

Previous inspection date

5 June 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. The childminder consistently uses positive interactions with the children, which develops their self-esteem and enthusiasm for learning.
- Children enjoy an excellent variety of outings, activities and experiences. They are very keen to experiment, explore and join in. They participate in creative activities in larger groups which supports them to develop confidence in different social situations.
- The childminder, parents and other early years professionals have strong relationships with each other, which promotes children's well-being and development. They use the wealth of information they share to enrich children's conversations and activities at the setting and at home.
- The childminder is passionate and enthusiastic and continues to work hard to develop her provision. She works closely with a group of other childminders and her assistant to share good practice ideas. The childminder ensures that her assistant is supported very well, completes relevant training and understands her policies and procedures.
- Overall, children have access to excellent resources. This allows them to make independent choices in their play and to continually extend their own learning. This is slightly less evident during garden play.
- The childminder places a high priority on children's safety and well-being. She has an extremely secure knowledge of the procedures to follow should she have any concerns about a child's welfare.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to widen opportunities for children to make further choices from the very good range of toys and resources on offer.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practice and completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at the documentation available, including children's assessments records, planning records and policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability of the childminder and household members, and discussed her methods for self-evaluation.
- The inspector took account of parents' views using written comments available.

Inspector

Janet Thouless

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how children learn. She provides an extensive range of activities which motivate children and help them make the best possible progress. The childminder provides children with excellent opportunities to develop their communication and language skills. For instance, continuous lively discussions take place as children explore woodlands. Children discuss the shape and colour of butterflies and ask questions when they notice the once muddy puddles have dried up. They learn why this has happened as the childminder asks them questions to help them think. As a result, children discuss how water evaporates in the hot sun, which captures their interest and develops their knowledge of the wider world. When they discover spiders they talk of 'big', 'bigger' and 'enormous' spiders. Children count confidently to eight as they count the spider's legs, which develops their mathematical language and number recognition. They develop their imaginations, confidence, speaking and listening skills as they recite stories to each other. Children gain an excellent range of skills in readiness for the next stage in learning and their move to school.

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

Children thrive and flourish in this exceptionally child-friendly home. They form very secure relationships with the childminder. This ensures they are exceptionally settled, confident and motivated to learn. Children are very well behaved. They remain completely engaged in their play and know what the childminder expects of them. This is because the childminder uses consistent boundaries. Children take part in daily activities to promote their good health and develop their physical skills. They handle resources confidently and develop their hand-eye coordination as they create and chase bubbles. They learn how to keep themselves safe as the childminder reminds them not to bump bikes or take off their seat belts until they are told to.

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She recognises that children have different learning styles and plans exceptionally well for their individual needs. The childminder completes observations and assessments and uses this information to skilfully shape children's learning experiences. She continuously updates her knowledge and skills through further training to meet children's current learning and development needs. For example, the childminder attended training on learning outdoors and supporting boys' play. This shows an excellent capacity for continual improvement, which has a very positive impact on children's learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY318454
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	834534
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	5 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2006. She lives in Merstham, Surrey. She offers care all day, Monday to Friday throughout the year, except for family and public holidays. The childminder sometimes works with an assistant.

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