

Childminder Report

Inspection date	15 July 2015
Previous inspection date	3 November 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

- Babies kick their legs and stretch their arms confidently and older children use large equipment competently because the childminder effectively supports children's physical skills.
- The quality of teaching is consistently good, which results in confident, creative learners.
- The childminder effectively supports children and their families to settle into her home when they first start to attend. Therefore, children are happy and confident and their needs are well met.
- The childminder implements measures to minimise risks to children. Therefore, children are able to explore in a safe environment.
- The childminder successfully reviews her provision and undertakes professional activities. Therefore, planning for improvements is good, to ensure that she continually meets children's care and learning needs well.
- The childminder effectively supports children's communication and language skills. As a result, young children use words to demonstrate their wishes and children's vocabulary is developing.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children are making slower progress in literacy because the childminder has not fully maximised opportunities for children to develop their early reading skills.
- The childminder has not fully extended children's knowledge and understanding about themselves and others.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- maximise opportunities for children to develop their early reading skills
- extend opportunities for children to remember, and talk about, significant events in their lives.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and interaction between the childminder and the children during play.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at documents relating to the Early Years Foundation Stage, provided by the childminder, including children's assessment records and evidence of the suitability of the childminder and other adults in the household.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector considered the views of parents and discussed self-evaluation.

Inspector

Joanne Ryan

Inspection findings

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

The childminder effectively supports children to explore a range of materials. Therefore, older children are interested in the marks they make and babies are confident to explore and investigate. The good range of experiences offered to children supports them to acquire the key skills required for their next stage in learning. However, children's interest in books and early reading is not fully promoted because the childminder does not always incorporate books into children's play. As a result, children's learning and development in literacy are not as fast as in other areas of learning. The childminder effectively supports children's skills in using tools. As a result, children are developing confidence in using scissors safely. The childminder does consistently talk to children about what they did and how they felt or encourage them to talk about significant events in their own experiences. This does not fully maximise children's opportunities to extend their understanding of themselves and others.

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

The childminder has a very good range of toys that are organised well so children are able to select what they want to play with and are motivated in their play. The childminder talks to children about safety precautions they need to take. As a result, children are developing their understanding of how to keep themselves safe. Children are healthy and secure within the childminder's care because she effectively supports their physical and emotional well-being. There is a fully consistent approach to meeting the care and learning needs of children because the childminder and parents work closely together. The childminder is kind and caring towards the children, which results in them being happy and confident in her care. She knows individual children well and provides activities which challenge and stimulate children, relevant to their stages of development, sustaining their interest.

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

The childminder tracks the progress children make in their learning and development, which ensures all children are making good progress towards the early learning goals, based on their starting points. The childminder has gained a relevant early years qualification at level 3 since her last inspection. This has made her more aware of how children learn from the activities they participate in, and she ensures children are developing their skills in all seven areas of learning. The childminder has attended safeguarding training. She has a good knowledge of the signs and symptoms of abuse and the procedure to follow should a concern arise about a child in her care. This contributes towards keeping children safe. The childminder has a good knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Consequently, she ensures she meets all of the requirements, such as maintaining a paediatric first-aid certificate.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	3 November 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2002 and lives in Failsworth. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

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