

Childminder Report

Inspection date	22 July 2015
Previous inspection date	19 April 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

- Children develop a good awareness of the natural world through daily outings in the countryside. The childminder uses these outings to promote all areas of children's learning. For example, they meet a variety of animals and learn about nature.
- The childminder encourages children to develop a healthy lifestyle. They enjoy daily physical activity in the fresh air and are encouraged to take appropriate rest times, eat healthy foods and follow sensible hygiene routines.
- Children's welfare is promoted effectively as the childminder is knowledgeable about all aspects of safeguarding. This includes child protection and the action she would need to take if she had concerns about a child.
- The childminder develops effective partnerships with parents and others as she encourages communication between all parties.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always encourage parents to share sufficient information about their children's activities at home so that she can use this when planning their learning with her.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop further opportunities for parents to share information about their children's activities at home to enhance continuity and build on children's interests and achievements in the setting.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and viewed resources with the childminder.
- The inspector examined records and documents provided by the childminder.
- The inspector read comments from parents.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's self- evaluation process.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

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

The childminder makes good use of the outdoor environment to promote all areas of children's learning and development. Children visit the farm and horses daily. This provides a good opportunity to develop children's language skills as the childminder talks to them about everything they see. They look for and collect natural items such as leaves, stones and cones on their walks. The childminder encourages children to count the animals, to recognise the colours, the seasons and to be inquisitive. These activities in the natural environment encourage children to use all their senses. The childminder monitors children's development through daily observations and indicates that children are making good progress from their starting points.

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

The childminder encourages positive behaviour through being a good role model. She encourages good manners, sharing and respect for others by playing games and talking to children. She encourages independence gradually, enabling children to develop self-confidence in their abilities. This helps them cope with changes in their lives, including starting school. Children learn about safe behaviour and the action they can take to contribute to their safety through conversations and reminders. The childminder makes good use of the available space and resources in the home. Also, outings in the local community enhance children's care and learning opportunities.

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

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the areas of learning. She monitors children's progress and extends learning appropriately to ensure children continue to make good progress. The childminder has taken steps to refresh and improve her knowledge and this has made a significant impact on her understanding of the learning and development requirements. She meets all the requirements of her registration. The childminder evaluates her provision using the feedback from parents and children and her personal observations of the children in her care. She uses this information to improve and develop the service she offers to children.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	846021
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	19 April 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1994. She lives in Silchester, Berkshire. The childminder works Monday to Friday, term time only.

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