

Childminder Report

Inspection date	30 July 2015
Previous inspection date	12 January 2010

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 observes and assesses children's progress and uses this information to plan for children's next steps in their learning. Therefore, children make consistently good progress in relation to their starting points.
- The childminder has a good range of resources and encourages children to make independent choices in their play and learning.
- The childminder provides a caring and nurturing environment, which promotes children's emotional well-being effectively. As a result, children feel safe and secure.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of safeguarding. She is knowledgeable about the procedures to follow for reporting child protection issues that may raise cause for concern.
- The childminder reflects on her practice and continues to make changes to provide high-quality care and learning experiences for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder interacts well with children during play but she does not always give children sufficient time to think before giving them the answers to her questions.
- The childminder shares information with parents about children's learning and development in her setting. However, she does not consistently encourage all parents to share information about their child's learning at home so that they work together more closely to extend individual children's development even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- give children more time to think and respond to questions to help them to find solutions for themselves
- extend partnership working with parents to gather more consistent information about children's learning at home in order to continue building securely on all that children know and can do.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at convenient times.
- The inspector observed children engaged in activities and the childminder's interaction with them.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation, including some policies, procedures, children's planning and the childminder's risk assessments, and discussed these with her.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the house that children use and the toys and resources available.
- The inspector took into account the written views of parents.

Inspector

Gina Chamberlain

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides a wide and interesting range of activities and resources that extend children's learning both indoors and outdoors. For example, children developed an understanding of the natural world as they searched for sea creatures and shells in a mixture of wet corn flour and jelly. The childminder extended children's learning further by encouraging them to count how many shells they could find and to consider which number came next. The childminder nurtures children's enjoyment of books by reading to them daily and providing them with comfortable areas to read alone. Children have good opportunities to develop their imaginations and communicate with one another because the childminder engages with them during role play. They make her cups of tea in the outdoor play kitchen before they blow out the candles together on the pretend birthday cake.

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

The childminder promotes children's emotional well-being and independence well. She gives lots of praise and reassurance during daily routines and events. Consequently, children develop good social skills and form close bonds with the childminder. Children take great enjoyment from being outdoors, where the childminder provides a good range of play experiences. This helps to promote their physical well-being. The childminder teaches children about healthy lifestyles. She prepares fresh home-cooked meals and ensures children understand the importance of washing their hands before they eat. The childminder helps children understand how to play and do things safely. For example, she reminds children to be careful and cautious of one another when swinging golf clubs in the garden. The childminder teaches children to share and take turns. This helps to prepare them for their next stage in learning, for example, at pre-school and school.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of how children learn and the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She implements a good range of policies and procedures, which she shares with parents to keep them informed. The childminder carries out checks of the premises and reviews risks when taking children on outings. This ensures she keeps children safe. The childminder has achieved a level 3 qualification in early years childcare and education. This has enabled her to develop her practice further, which has a positive impact on children's learning experiences. The childminder understands the importance of developing partnerships with other settings that children may attend to support continuity in children's care and learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Swindon
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	12 January 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Swindon, Wiltshire. The childminder holds a level 3 childcare qualification. She operates four days a week, from 8am to 6pm, all year round except for family holidays.

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