

# Childminder Report

## Inspection date

11 August 2015

Previous inspection date

12 September 2011

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	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 <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- The childminder plans and provides a range of interesting activities based on accurate observations and children's next steps in learning. This supports all children to make good progress in all areas of learning.
- The indoor and outdoor environments are welcoming. The childminder has carefully considered resources she provides, ensuring that they are easily accessible and encourage children to play and explore.
- Children are confident and happy. They have warm relationships with the childminder, who is very caring and attentive to their needs. This supports children's emotional well-being well and they are willing to have a go at new experiences.
- The childminder develops very positive relationships with parents and they express high levels of satisfaction with the quality of their children's care.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of the learning and development, safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The childminder takes effective action to help ensure the safety and security of the children at all times.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not provide enough opportunities for parents to share what they know their child can do at home.
- The childminder does not always make the most of opportunities to support children's independence of their personal needs.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more opportunities for parents to share what they know their children can do at home
- provide further opportunities for children to increase their independence of their personal needs.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and interactions between the childminder and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, a parent and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, planning documentation and a selection of policies and procedures.
- The inspector viewed the areas used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at evidence of the suitability of the childminder and household members, and discussed her methods for self-evaluation.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder.

### Inspector

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## Inspection findings

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

The childminder demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of children's interests and individual needs. She uses this knowledge effectively with her observations and assessments in order to identify each child's achievements, their next steps in learning and to monitor their progress. This helps children to make good progress and be prepared for the next stage in their learning and for school. However, information provided by parents about their child's abilities when they first start is not always used to inform her initial assessments. The childminder interacts well with children and is a positive role model to them. As she plays alongside the children, the childminder offers guidance, support and encourages them to follow their own interests. This helps children to become sociable, confident and independent learners.

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

The childminder has a calm and positive manner, which supports children to be happy, confident and settled with her. She has created a welcoming, well-resourced environment, both indoors and outdoors. Children are encouraged to move freely around the space and enjoy choosing from the selection of resources available. The childminder supports children to share their thoughts and to make choices. Their ideas are treated with respect and this helps develop children's engagement and enjoyment. However, she occasionally does not provide sufficient opportunities for children to be independent in managing their personal needs. The childminder gathers information about children's routines and preferences, when they start with her. This helps the childminder to ensure that the children's individual needs are met and supports their emotional well-being. This contributes towards children forming secure and strong attachments with her. The children follow good health and hygiene routines. They enjoy opportunities to be active and eat healthy snacks and meals. This helps to promote their good health.

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

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation stage. She understands how the experiences she provides for children support all areas of their learning and development. The childminder is secure in her knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and all aspects of her safeguarding responsibilities, including identification and reporting of concerns. The childminder has a range of health, safety and well-being policies to promote children's care and she shares these with parents. Her everyday practice reflects her strong commitment to protect children and keep them safe from harm. The childminder is aware of her strengths and has identified areas for improvement.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	500516
<b>Local authority</b>	Manchester
<b>Inspection number</b>	869086
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 5
<b>Total number of places</b>	3
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	3
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	12 September 2011
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder was registered in 1994 and lives in Gorton, Manchester. She operates all year round from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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