

Childminder Report

Inspection date

29 May 2015

Previous inspection date

9 August 2012

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 childminder provides children with excellent and frequent opportunities to hear new words and extends their vocabulary through talking with them. Consequently, children make outstanding progress in their communication and language development.
- All children enjoy exploring the environment and have excellent opportunities to become independent learners. The childminder offers an extensive range of exciting activities for the children to choose from, based on their interests.
- Children are extremely happy and have close bonds with the childminder. Parents' comments show that they appreciate the nurturing environment she provides for the children.
- The childminder demonstrates an outstanding commitment to providing a high-quality provision. She gathers parents' views by asking them to complete comprehensive questionnaires. The childminder then uses this information to identify areas to enhance which helps to continually improve the outcomes for children.
- The childminder places high importance on extending her practices. She updates her knowledge regularly by attending training courses. This enables her to implement new ideas and activities to provide children with stimulating and rich learning experiences.
- The childminder encourages children to develop an understanding of the people in the community who help them. However, she does not take every opportunity to strengthen children's understanding of different people in the community.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop opportunities for children to find out about different people in the community, to further increase their awareness of the world around them.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, daily diaries and a range of other documentation.
- The inspector observed the interactions between the childminder and the children.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from their questionnaires provided by the childminder.
- The inspector checked evidence of the qualifications of the childminder.

Inspector

June Keeler

Inspection findings

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

The childminder keeps very accurate records of children's progress. She uses the information to plan stimulating, interesting and challenging activities to meet children's individual needs. Meticulous assessments enable the childminder to identify when children are not engaging fully in their learning. For example, she uses her extensive knowledge to find alternative ways to engage children in their learning if they have not fully participated in the planned activity. Therefore, children are making excellent progress regardless of their age and stage of development. The childminder shares an extensive range of information with the parents regarding the children's activities and achievements. This ensures a consistent approach to learning between children's homes and the childminder's. She skilfully combines children's interests into their learning, for instance, introducing mathematical concepts while children build towers. This helps to ensure that children learn the skills they need to prepare them for their move to school.

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

The childminder is highly skilled at knowing when to participate to enhance play and when to stand back and let children lead their own activities. For instance, she joined the children on the trampoline and supported them to move like different animals but let the children choose their own colours and methods of painting. The childminder's outstanding arrangements to care for the children and support their well-being include robust risk assessments. Children benefit from regular trips to toddler groups to develop their social skills, including sharing and turn-taking. They then use these skills when playing at the childminder's. For example, children independently negotiate when to take their turn when playing with popular resources. The childminder is aware that some children are physical learners and incorporates opportunities to be active and engage in exciting physical play in the garden. This effectively meets the learning styles of all the children attending.

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

The childminder ensures she provides a safe environment for children. The childminder has an excellent understanding of her role and responsibility in protecting children at all times. She regularly updates her safeguarding and child protection knowledge. The childminder has well-written, clear policies and procedures which she shares with parents in their welcome pack. The childminder has excellent knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and meets all requirements. The childminder has a clear understanding of how to prepare children for school and works with the local nursery staff to ensure continuity of care for children who attend both settings.

Setting details

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Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	986557
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	9 August 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2012. She lives in Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent. She operates flexible hours all year, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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