

Childminder Report

Inspection date

25 August 2015

Previous inspection date

10 September 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 carries out thorough observations and assessments on children's achievements. This helps her to identify and support any gaps in children's learning promptly.
- The childminder provides plenty of materials and resources for children to express themselves creatively through arts and crafts.
- The childminder uses plenty of good opportunities to help children learn to behave well. For example, she encourages them to take turns as they play games together and they invite each other into their play.
- The childminder promotes healthy eating well. She encourages children to help themselves to snacks of fruit when they are hungry and provides nutritious home-cooked meals.
- The childminder monitors all aspects of her provision through self-evaluation. She gains the views of parents and children through discussions and written feedback. The childminder demonstrates a strong drive to make continuous, worthwhile improvements.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always provide a wide range of opportunities for children who prefer to learn outside, so that they can make choices and develop their interests.
- The childminder does not consistently provide a range of activities that help children begin to use technology in their play. Therefore, she does not fully promote their understanding of the world in this respect.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen opportunities to extend the learning of children who prefer to learn outside, to further promote their interests and development
- develop further the range of activities that help children begin to use technology in their play, to fully promote their understanding of the world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector conducted a tour of the premises during the inspection.
- The inspector had discussions with the children and the childminder.
- The inspector observed children during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector sought the views of parents during discussions and through written feedback.
- The inspector looked at a range of relevant documentation relating to safeguarding, policies and procedures, and learning and development documents.

Inspector

Helen Harnew

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and teaches children well. Therefore, she helps them to make good progress towards the early learning goals. She follows children's interests well overall and offers them lots of choices. This helps to engage them in their preferred play. For example, children ask to make large paintings of themselves because they have done so in the past. The childminder provides them with a wide range of resources and tools to decorate their pictures. She uses this as a good opportunity to encourage them to compare the similarities and differences between each other. The childminder forms good relationships with the parents. She shares plenty of information with them about children's achievements and their next steps in learning. She offers them regular suggestions on how to extend children's learning further at home. This means children receive continuity in their learning.

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

The childminder creates a calm and welcoming environment. She is very attentive towards children, meets each child's needs and forms good attachments with them. This means children develop good levels of confidence and well-being. The childminder provides good opportunities to extend children's physical skills, for example, through plenty of exercise and fresh air. She takes the children on regular walks to the local park to challenge their physical skills even further. The childminder assesses and minimises potential risks in her home, her garden and on outings so that children remain safe. She helps children to learn how to keep themselves and each other safe. For example, she encourages them to use tools, such as scissors safely. The childminder forms good links with local schools and pre-schools and shares information regularly to provide continuity in children's learning and care. This also helps her to prepare children emotionally for the move to other settings and school.

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

The childminder has a strong understanding of requirements. She attends training and researches publications about the Early Years Foundation Stage regularly. This helps her to keep her knowledge and skills up to date, to benefit the children. The childminder has a good understanding of child protection procedures. She attends regular training and knows who to contact if she has a concern about a child's welfare. This helps to keep children safe. The childminder forms strong links with other professionals, such as physiotherapists. She shares plenty of information and invites them to her home. This helps her to meet children's needs, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Setting details

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Local authority	Oxfordshire
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10 September 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1998. She lives in Cholsey, Oxfordshire. The childminder operates from Monday to Friday, all year around.

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