

Childminder Report

Inspection date

25 September 2015

Previous inspection date

8 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The experienced childminder has very high expectations of all children. Her questions and commentary throughout activities are sharply focused and purposeful. This helps children to be exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning, including starting nursery and school.
- The childminder works extremely effectively with parents, regularly sharing information with them and seeking updates of learning that children take part in at home. She uses this to plan highly effective, imaginative and individualised learning experiences for children.
- The childminder has developed rigorous observations and assessments of children's learning and uses these highly effectively to inform planning for next steps in their learning and secure very positive outcomes for all children.
- Children's safety and well-being are strongly prioritised. The childminder expertly implements the extremely comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures.
- The childminder is very caring and responsive to children's individual needs. She interacts extremely well with children. Clear boundaries are consistently reinforced and children's behaviour is extremely good. Children thoroughly enjoy their time with the childminder.
- Children are beginning to understand about healthy lifestyles, including good nutrition, physical exercise and hygiene. They enjoy growing their own herbs and vegetables, and cooking and baking with fresh ingredients.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- explore further innovative ways to maintain the excellent partnership with parents in supporting children's learning at home and in the setting.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's self-evaluation, qualifications and evidence of the suitability of adults living on the premises.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of a sample of written feedback.

Inspector

Cathryn Clarricoates

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder has an extremely comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The arrangements for safeguarding are highly effective. The childminder ensures that children are protected in all aspects of her provision. The childminder completes extensive risk assessments and carries out daily checks of all areas and activities that are accessed by children. The well-qualified childminder continuously strives to achieve ongoing improvements to her high-quality provision. She gathers feedback from parents to inform her self-evaluation process. The childminder actively seeks good practice guidance from other professionals, in order to extend her skills even further. Her attendance at many training courses and events provides her with information to help her meet each child's individual learning style. Children thrive and make excellent progress in her care.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder assesses children's learning needs regularly and accurately. She promotes their individual next steps skilfully, using activities that match their interests extremely well. The childminder asks children many challenging questions in their play and provides time for them to think and respond. Children are confident and articulate communicators. They enjoy many new experiences and select independently from a wide range of stimulating and accessible resources. They concentrate on tasks and are involved in assessing and agreeing the next steps in their learning. The outstanding teaching helps children to become highly curious, enthusiastic and motivated learners. The childminder provides parents with guidance to continue children's learning at home. She is keen to consider other innovative ways to continue to offer this guidance. She involves parents in planning children's activities and next steps in learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder has established extremely effective relationships with parents and other settings that the children in her care attend. She knows the children very well. They are happy, confident and very settled in her warm and welcoming home. The childminder is an excellent role model for children. She manages their behaviour very positively and sensitively. The childminder encourages all children to share, take turns and cooperate with others. Children develop respect for themselves and each other and behave extremely well. They follow very good hygiene routines and are increasingly confident in their own self-care. Children enjoy healthy snacks and drinks, physical exercise and fresh air every day. They benefit from many outings into the community and learn how to keep themselves safe.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

The childminder thoroughly and thoughtfully completes precise observations and assessments of all children's progress. She uses these to plan an excellent balance of child-initiated and adult-led learning activities, in order to help ensure children continue to make rapid progress.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY277717
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	860972
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 15
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	8 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2004 and lives in Durham. She operates all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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