

Childminder Report

Inspection date

30 September 2015

Previous inspection date

22 January 2010

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 childminder provides an excellent variety of well-planned activities and experiences throughout the day that help children enjoy their learning and confidently develop their skills.
- Children settle very quickly and are exceptionally happy in the childminder's comfortable home. The childminder organises resources skilfully to enable children to easily make choices and develop their physical skills as they play.
- The childminder establishes excellent working relationships with parents and professionals. She exchanges daily information with parents and keeps them well informed of children's progress and their next developmental steps.
- The childminder implements meticulous risk assessments, taking into account children's developing skills and interests. This helps her to ensure children are safe and secure. She teaches children about the behaviours that help to keep them safe.
- The childminder is exceptionally knowledgeable and enthusiastic. She continually develops her skills through training, reading and professional discussions with other early years providers. This helps to keep her skills up to date and her practice innovative.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop further the already strong communication with parents by sharing more information about how children's development can be promoted at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and viewed resources with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the children and childminder at play.
- The inspector examined records and documents provided by the childminder.
- The inspector read comments from parents.
- The inspector read and discussed self-evaluation with the childminder.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder's enthusiasm and passion for her work mean that she continually looks for ways to improve and encourage children's progress. Thorough and knowledgeable observations of the children enable the childminder to monitor developmental progress and take effective steps to address any areas of concern. She has very positive partnerships with parents and provides some suggestions to extend children's learning at home. The childminder is exceptionally well organised. She makes excellent use of the available space, her resources and knowledge to provide children with individual learning opportunities that clearly encourage their progress very well. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an up-to-date understanding of how to protect children from harm and knows the action to take if she has concerns about a child in her care.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The quality of teaching is excellent. The childminder is animated in her interactions with children. When she talks to children she uses expression in her voice and makes eye contact. This helps to gain their attention. She listens attentively and models language extremely well. Children are developing excellent communication and language skills. The childminder encourages children to think by asking simple questions, and children learn to solve problems independently. The childminder provides children with a variety of activities, adapted to their particular developmental needs. The childminder provides extensive opportunities for children to play outdoors and investigate the natural world. They enjoy collecting leaves, and use their senses as they smell and feel the textures. They help to grow and pick strawberries and look for the birds in the garden. Children count, recognise colours, shapes and positions with the careful encouragement of the childminder as they play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder works closely with parents to follow children's home routines. This helps children settle quickly in the childminder's care. Children are highly confident and independent learners. They enjoy healthy snacks and are encouraged to drink water regularly to help them develop an awareness of healthy lifestyles. Children learn about their bodies, to be aware of their heartbeats and know what to do if they get hot. The childminder is a very positive role model. Children behave extremely well. They are polite and well mannered. They learn to share, take turns and respect people and property.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children flourish, make excellent progress and become confident, happy individuals. They develop the skills they need to happily adjust to nursery or school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	138850
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	846504
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	22 January 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2000. She lives in Wokingham, Berkshire. The childminder works Monday to Thursday from 7.30am to 5.30pm, all year. She has a relevant level 3 qualification.

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