

Childminder Report

Inspection date

2 October 2015

Previous inspection date

19 September 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 makes excellent use of natural resources to extend children's interest in play. She provides highly effective and stimulating activities to sustain children's high levels of concentration.
- Children are very polite and behave exceptionally well. The childminder successfully promotes their positive attitudes because she teaches children to be kind and to respect others.
- The childminder is highly vigilant about children's safety. She conducts thorough risk assessments and provides very close supervision, to effectively reduce the risk of accidents.
- The childminder has excellent partnerships with parents and others to help her meet children's individual needs with rigour. She promotes children's development extremely well and they make excellent progress.
- The childminder successfully evaluates the effectiveness of her provision. She monitors children's progress with precise assessment procedures.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the opportunities for children to contribute to their own learning environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder and children in their indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled children's development records.
- The inspector read the childminder's self-evaluation form and feedback from parents.
- The inspector checked the safety of the premises.

Inspector

Julie Wright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder has an exemplary knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and highly effective teaching skills. She has successfully addressed the previous inspection recommendation. She has increased opportunities for children to learn about healthy foods. For example, they now grow and harvest fruit and vegetables. This has had a very positive impact on children because they are now keen to try a wider range of fresh foods. The childminder actively extends her knowledge through the local Early Years quality and improvement information, to continuously improve her practice. She conscientiously reviews and updates her policies and procedures to ensure that they reflect current guidance. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of risks to children. For example, she is skilful in teaching children about internet safety in an age-appropriate way.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder adds something interesting to every activity, to increase children's sensory and investigative play opportunities. For example, children play with cinnamon scented dough, which inspires conversations about different smells and foods. They use wood, nuts, bark and pine cones with enthusiasm to make imprints in the dough. Children show keen curiosity and interest as the childminder encourages them to compare patterns and textures made with the walnut. The childminder ensures that children can investigate independently. At the inspection, children chose magnifying bug boxes and eagerly went outside to hunt for insects, which they proudly showed to others. The childminder supports children's communication and language development exceptionally well. She provides a wealth of information for parents to involve them in their children's learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder makes excellent use of the outdoor space to promote children's interests and well-being. Children grow herbs, flowers and fruit and make a bee garden, which fascinate them. The childminder uses a range of highly imaginative homemade learning resources, such as numbered pebbles, although children are not always involved in making such equipment. The childminder engages children exceptionally well in everyday activities, such as helping them to make porridge for snack time. She has an excellent awareness of children's individual dietary requirements and health needs. Children form close attachments and play extremely well together.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children have a wonderful time with the childminder. They thrive in her care and show a keen desire to learn, which prepares them very well for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	102473
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	824695
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	19 September 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1989 and lives in Bodmin, Cornwall. She provides care to children from 7.30am to 6pm each weekday during term time and school holidays. The childminder receives early education funding to provide free places for children aged two, three and four years.

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