

Childminder Report

Inspection date

14 October 2015

Previous inspection date

13 October 2008

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 extremely welcoming and stimulating environment with an excellent range of resources and activities. Children are very absorbed in their play and make excellent progress in relation to their starting points.
- The childminder is skilful in observing and tracking children's progress in order to plan further challenging activities for them and to monitor their development. She shares this information regularly with parents so that they can support their children's learning at home.
- Children have excellent relationships with the childminder who forms secure emotional relationships with them. Children are very settled and display high levels of well-being.
- The childminder provides children with a superb range of nutritious meals and snacks, and involves them in growing fruits and vegetables. She also encourages good hygiene, regular fresh air and exercise as part of helping children to learn about healthy lifestyles.
- The childminder promotes children's welfare and safety impressively. For example she carries out meticulous risk assessments for her setting and for all outings. She practises the fire evacuation procedure regularly with the children to help familiarise them with what to do in an emergency.
- The childminder is extremely reflective of her practice and the outcomes achieved in relation to children's all-round care and learning. She actively involves children and parents in the ongoing evaluation of the provision to help her to identify the strengths and any weaknesses. She continually looks at ways to enhance what she offers to children and their families.

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 children's understanding of shapes to promote their mathematical skills even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder and children playing and interacting together.
- The inspector looked at a range of policies and procedures and the children's progress records.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's self-evaluation form and took account of feedback from parents.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at convenient times during the inspection.

Inspector

Caroline Gibbons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder has attended extensive training since her last inspection and keeps up to date with all new developments. She has used her training extremely effectively to identify and promote the different ways in which children learn, and has used good practice workshops to evaluate her environment. For example, she now provides different sizes and levels of equipment and ensures that children are able to access a wide range of resources independently and without interruption. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has updated her safeguarding knowledge and fully understands the process to follow should she have concerns about the welfare of children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children played enthusiastically with an excellent range of messy play activities during the inspection. They used tools to pour and transport rice and pasta and explored the feeling of foam on their hands. The childminder uses every opportunity to enhance children's play and shows an excellent understanding of how to extend their understanding further. For example, she points out dragonflies and lily pads in the storybook and plays alongside children as they pretend to visit the doctors in the role play area. Children smile and laugh as they prepare imaginary meals for the childminder. However, they have fewer opportunities to extend their understanding of shapes. The childminder skilfully promotes children's language development. For example, she provides a running commentary to help young children's developing communication skills and introduces new vocabulary. She uses well-considered questions to challenge children's thinking skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is very patient and calm, and knows the children very well. She supports children's personal development extremely effectively and works very closely with parents to enhance children's care and learning in the setting and at home. For example, she follows children's unique care routines and encourages them to borrow items of interest to use at home. She gives positive praise to children and provides gentle reminders about the rules of the setting. Children have an excellent understanding of the childminder's behavioural expectations and behave extremely well. The childminder provides excellent opportunities for children to learn about the world around them. Children learn about a variety of different cultures and festivals. They learn to respect others and value people's individual backgrounds.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points. They become highly independent and build extremely strong relationships with each other. They are fully prepared for the next stage in their learning and their eventual move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY356673
Local authority	Greenwich
Inspection number	828670
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	13 October 2008
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Eltham, in the London Borough of Greenwich. The childminder is available to work every weekday, from 7am to 6pm.

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