

Childminder Report

Inspection date	22 October 2015
Previous inspection date	5 October 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 knows children exceptionally well. She builds strong partnerships with parents. They work well together to ensure children benefit from consistent approaches to their care and learning needs. This contributes well to children's sense of security and confidence in the childminder's care.
- The childminder provides a rich and vibrant learning environment where children are highly stimulated. Varied and imaginative play experiences for children are delivered by the childminder who has an excellent knowledge of the areas of learning and a clear understanding of how they learn. Children make rapid progress, responding to her inspiring teaching and planning.
- The childminder pays very close attention to promoting children's good health and safety. She ensures that the home is clean, well maintained and ready for children when they arrive each day.
- The childminder continually reflects on her own practice and ways she can improve outcomes for all children in her care. This has an excellent impact on children's experiences and ensures they make the very best progress in their early years.
- Children's communication skills are enhanced particularly well by the childminder as they play and learn together. All children make excellent progress and are confident in expressing themselves effectively.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- raise knowledge and skills to an even higher level, enhancing children's experiences and providing inspiration to others.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the house and talked with the childminder.
- The inspector and the childminder jointly evaluated a teaching activity.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises and garden used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, planning documentation, evidence of suitability of household members and a range of other documentation, including the safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector reviewed the provider's self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Clair Stockings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder forms excellent relationships with other professionals to help her to enhance her provision. She appreciates the value of working with other settings where children attend to complement their learning. The childminder's approach and understanding of her responsibilities for children's learning and well-being are outstanding. She monitors children's progress diligently and uses her observations and knowledge exceptionally well to ensure they are inspired to learn at all stages of their development. The childminder maintains excellent standards for children because of her drive and ambition to sustain the very best care. She values training opportunities and undertakes extensive personal research. Nevertheless, she aspires to improve her knowledge even further to benefit children in her care. The arrangements for safeguarding are highly effective. The childminder's knowledge of safeguarding procedures is excellent. She places a high priority on children's safety both at home and when out and about.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The standard of teaching is outstanding, ensuring children make rapid progress in their learning. The childminder knows the children in her care very well and offers an informal, relaxed approach to learning. This allows children to be spontaneous in their choice of activities. They learn to be independent, are eager to explore and motivated to learn and make excellent progress. The excellent and creative resources that the childminder provides, stimulate children's impulse to explore. Supported by the attentive childminder, children experience varied textures, sounds and shapes as they investigate an interesting range of items placed in a basket. This sustains their interest for long periods of time, particularly given their young age. This is one of the many ways that the childminder supports children's development and provides a highly effective base for future learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely happy and contented. The childminder is exceptionally skilled in developing strong bonds with all children, helping them feel secure and confident whether at home or visiting the local community. The childminder teaches children about how to stay healthy as they talk about the foods that are good for their bodies and have regular opportunities for play outdoors in the highly stimulating garden. Children's behaviour is exemplary at all times and they display an astute sense of humour as they giggle at things that amuse them. The childminder works closely with parents, accommodating their working patterns. Children are very confident and content as they move from home into her care.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are making consistently high rates of progress in relation to their starting points. The childminder promotes children's independence and self-care skills very well. For example, they independently choose their own activities from the excellent choice available and attend to their self-care needs. These skills mean that they are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY281248
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	848669
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	5 October 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2004 and lives in Loughton. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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