

Childminder Report

Inspection date	26 October 2015
Previous inspection date	25 March 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's quality of teaching is outstanding. She effectively uses accurate observations and assessments of children's progress to plan and provide challenging activities. Children make significant progress in their learning.
- The childminder has high aspirations for each child's achievements. She takes account of their individual needs and interests extremely well. Exciting activities are planned and the childminder provides a wealth of stimulating resources. Young children make independent choices about their play.
- The childminder effectively promotes children's sense of belonging by valuing their creative work and creating displays of their artwork and photographs. The children show high levels of confidence and self-esteem.
- The childminder places the utmost importance on safeguarding children. She provides them with a safe and secure environment, which effectively supports their growing understanding of how to keep themselves safe and healthy.
- The childminder regularly evaluates the provision and carefully monitors and reviews practice. She makes ongoing improvements to maintain the very high standard of care and education offered.
- Relationships are very strong at all levels. The childminder is committed to working together with parents and other professionals. This helps every child get off to an excellent start, both in the setting and when they move on to other settings.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to enhance professional development even further, which is precisely focused on maintaining the high standards of care and education children benefit from.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practice and conducted a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector viewed the areas used for childminding and held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at the documents available, including children's learning records, policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of the childminder.
- The inspector sought parents' views from written comments available in questionnaires.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has updated her safeguarding training so she is knowledgeable about current practices. She is very confident about what she must do if she has concerns for a child's welfare. She continues to develop her knowledge in other areas and has a secure knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder embraces any relevant training opportunities and recognises the need to develop her knowledge and skills, in order to focus on maintaining the high standards. The childminder develops highly effective partnerships with parents in order to meet the needs of each individual child. She values feedback from parents and encourages them to share information through general discussions, daily diaries and learning journals. Parents say they are delighted with the care she provides. They comment very positively about her and say, 'You are fantastic, my child adores you and we love your nature,' and 'the progress our child has made is because of you'.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

This experienced and enthusiastic childminder uses her expert knowledge of how children learn and develop to provide an exciting variety of planned activities and experiences. Her lively and fun approach means children are highly motivated to explore and confident to try new things. The childminder expands children's knowledge as they explore what happens when they add water to different materials, such as cornflour. She encourages young children to explore the sensation of wet hands and the noise of splashing. They laugh together as they pat the tray, add small farm animals and mix green food colouring in. The childminder introduces younger children to new words that relate to their play and consistently models effective language skills. Children enjoy looking at books independently and with the childminder, and making marks with chunky crayons.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children learn about good hygiene routines from a young age as the childminder ensures they clean their hands before meals and after nappy changes. The childminder fosters opportunities to develop physical skills very well. Children love playing in the garden and they have excellent opportunities to use a wide range of exciting resources. They enjoy playing in the sand, using the small trampoline and pushing prams. Children make great strides in learning about healthy lifestyles. The childminder involves them in choosing and washing their own fruits for snack. Excellent strategies are used to help children manage their feelings and behaviour, which promotes their well-being to a high standard.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make outstanding progress as they thrive and thoroughly enjoy their time in this inspirational environment, where they receive exceptional support from the childminder. Children develop the key skills needed for the next stage in their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	504217
Local authority	Havering
Inspection number	1024493
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	25 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1999 and lives in Hornchurch. She operates all year round from 7am 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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