

Childminder Report

Inspection date

10 November 2015

Previous inspection date

7 December 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children are happy and have formed good relationships with the childminder. Expectations for behaviour are clear. Children listen and respect what is asked of them. They develop good social skills and learn to behave well.
- Children choose freely from the good range of resources. The childminder provides a safe and well-equipped environment. Resources are organised to aid children's purposeful and independent learning.
- The childminder uses assessments effectively. She uses her good knowledge of the children to plan and provide an interesting range of activities and experiences. As a result, children's interests are enthused and they make good progress.
- Children follow good hygiene routines. They enjoy a balanced and healthy diet, prepared by the childminder, promoting their well-being.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Partnerships with other settings that children attend are not yet fully established.
- The childminder does not always gather specific information from parents to identify children's initial starting points, in order to support their learning and development on entry.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop the partnerships with other settings children attend, in order to fully benefit from a shared understanding and common approach to enhancing children's progress
- strengthen the systems for seeking initial information from parents regarding their children's learning and development, in order to support the planning of activities in the early days.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the children engaged in a variety of activities in the childminder's home and garden and carried out a joint observation with her.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the home and garden that are used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at the children's records and a range of other documentation, including policies and risk assessments.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of the childminder and other adults living in the home.

Inspector

Alex Brouder

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder clearly explains what steps to follow should she have any concerns for a child's welfare. Children remain safe in her home and on outings, due to the childminder's vigilance and ongoing risk assessments. The childminder has successfully addressed recommendations made at the previous inspection. She reviews and evaluates her provision, seeking the views of parents and children as part of this process. This ensures those who use her service have a voice and are able to contribute to change. The childminder assesses and monitors the progress children make and shares this information regularly with parents. This ensures they are informed of the progress their children make and any potential gaps. Parents comment positively on the quality service provided, and of how happy, safe and content their children are.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder plans a range of activities that stimulate and engage children's interests. She supports children well as they play, offering suggestions and challenges appropriate to their stage of development. She observes children and has a good understanding of their progress and capabilities. When children are engaged in drawing a picture of themselves, she asks them to think about what it is they can see. She encourages them to name the colour of their eyes and count the number of teeth they have. This supports their mathematical development, communication skills and understanding of the world. Children begin to recognise print in the environment as the childminder encourages them to record their name on artwork. Children show they have a variety of skills that prepare them for the next stage of their learning and the move on to school. They use the toilet and wash their hands independently and can put their own coats on with little support.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are offered a warm, caring and welcoming environment, helping them to feel safe and secure. They begin to understand how to keep themselves safe, both inside and outside of the setting. They pick up toys off the floor, commenting, 'So I don't fall over and get hurt'. When outside or on outings, the childminder teaches children about crossing the road and the dangers of strangers. Children behave well; they are emotionally secure and very settled in the childminder's care. Children's good health is effectively promoted. They have regular access to the garden and outdoor play spaces. They learn about diversity and the wider world through a range of positive experiences. They participate in tasting foods from around the world, dressing up and talk about their varied backgrounds.

Outcomes for children are good

The childminder supports children effectively so that they make good progress. A sound range of planned activities ensures children are engaged and enjoy their play. Children are independent and well prepared for the next stage in their learning, such as the move on to school.

Setting details

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Local authority	Nottingham City
Inspection number	852934
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	3 - 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	7 December 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011 and lives in Rise Park, Nottingham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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