Childminder Report



Inspection date	16 November 2015
Previous inspection date	19 January 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	the 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, behaviou	r and welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder has made good progress since the last inspection and has tackled the recommendations well. She is aware of her strengths and areas for development, and her self-evaluation and improvement plans are good.
- The childminder works effectively with parents from the time children start. She keeps them informed of their children's progress and provides good continuity of care between the different settings children attend. This helps parents feel confident about the service provided for their children.
- Teaching is good. The childminder has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and measures children's progress across each of the areas of learning.
- Children make good progress from their starting points. The childminder accurately observes their learning, and writes targets and next steps to help them move on.
- The childminder provides a warm, friendly and welcoming home where children's personal development and well-being are fostered effectively. Children play and learn happily and develop the social skills needed for their move to school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

The childminder does not always provide children with opportunities to develop fully their understanding of the world, particularly in science and technology.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

improve the range of opportunities for children to learn about science and technology in the world around them.

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Inspection activities

- The inspector checked the parts of the childminder's house used by children.
- The inspector observed teaching and learning in all areas of the setting.
- The inspector asked the childminder questions to assess her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's documentation and sampled her policies.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

Gary Rawlings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a secure understanding of her duties in relation to child protection. She knows the procedures to follow should she be concerned about a child's well-being. The childminder uses training opportunities well to enhance her practice, for example, in behaviour management and special educational needs. The childminder shares good practice with colleagues and works well with parents and other professionals to improve children's outcomes. Parents praise the childminder's good levels of care and teaching.

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Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder plans a variety of activities which are based firmly on children's individual needs and interests. She makes frequent and accurate observations of children's learning and uses these to keep track of their developmental milestones and achievements. The childminder promotes language and communication effectively. Children who are learning English as an additional language are well supported. The childminder uses a range of strategies, including drama, actions and music, to help children learn new words. The childminder teaches literacy and mathematical skills well. She makes every effort to incorporate counting, shape, measures, and early reading and writing, into children's daily routines. Children enjoy the choice of a wide range of toys and resources in the house, playroom and garden. The childminder extends children's learning well. For example, her good questioning leads to children exploring the shapes made by pastry cutters and solving the problem of finding the correct pieces to complete the wooden train set. The learning environment is attractive and used well by all children. They enjoy their learning and have fun in the childminder's care.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children behave well. The childminder teaches them to take turns, play together sensibly and uses a range of good strategies to manage their behaviour. Children wait patiently for their turn on the slide and clap happily when their friend completes the puzzle. The childminder promotes healthy lifestyles well. Regular activities in the fresh air enables children to develop good physical skills and learn the importance of exercise. The childminder's kind and calm manner ensures children develop close and secure bonds with her and each other. Children gently comfort each other when their friends are sad or hurt.

Outcomes for children are good

The childminder ensures all children, particularly those learning English as an additional language, make good progress from their starting points. She prepares them well for the move to nursery or school. They are working at typical levels for their age and their attractive portfolios clearly celebrate the children's good successes and achievements.

Setting details

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Local authority Redbridge

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Type of provision Childminder

Day care type Childminder

Age range of children 2 - 5

Total number of places 3

Number of children on roll 2

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 19 January 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2006. She lives in Ilford within the London Borough of Redbridge. She operates her service on weekdays, between 7.30am and 6pm, throughout the year.

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