

Childminder Report

Inspection date

26 November 2015

Previous inspection date

29 March 2012

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 uses extremely effective teaching strategies to challenge children and support them in achieving their individual goals. This leads to high levels of achievement for all children.
- The childminder builds exceptionally positive relationships with children, parents and other professionals. Consequently, children flourish and reach their full potential.
- Children thrive on the enthusiasm of the childminder and are inspired to become independent and motivated learners.
- The childminder creates an environment in which everyone is tolerant and helpful. Children respect differences and develop exceptional social skills.
- The childminder continually extends and updates her knowledge, and makes excellent use of ongoing self-evaluation to target improvements.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance further the creative opportunities to offer even greater encouragement for children to explore their own ideas.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with parents and children.
- The inspector observed children at play and checked the safety of the premises.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's records, policies and qualifications.
- The inspector observed a planned activity and evaluated it with the childminder.

Inspector

Catherine Holroyd

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has extensive knowledge of child protection and supervises children extremely well as they play and explore. The childminder helps children develop a highly impressive knowledge of how to keep themselves safe. For example, road safety is an integral focus during outings. Policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and underpin highly effective practice. Monitoring is fully embedded in practice and the childminder efficiently maintains all required records. The childminder has a strong drive towards continuous improvement. She seeks every opportunity to continue her professional development; for example, she attends regular training and meets with other professionals.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides an extremely comfortable and well-presented learning environment indoors and outside. Children move around confidently and select exciting resources from the easily accessible storage areas. Overall, children make good use of the bright and attractive craft area. Children benefit from excellent opportunities to express themselves creatively, although this is an area that the childminder intends to develop further. The childminder has an in-depth knowledge of child development and provides inspiring activities. She makes accurate assessments of children's achievements and delivers effective and focused educational programmes for all children.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children have an overwhelming sense of pride in their environment. They excitedly recall experiences as they look at photographs and artwork that the childminder has displayed. There is a clear understanding of behavioural expectations, which are adhered to and regularly regulated by the children themselves. Children listen to each other and openly discuss and compare experiences. They play a game together, taking turns and waiting as each child names the shapes and colours on the dice. The childminder is skilled at maintaining their concentration until the end of the game when they congratulate the winner. The childminder gives children the confidence to manage their own tasks; for example, she encourages independence as children open their own lunch packets, find tissues and put on their shoes and coats. Children value the praise they receive for their efforts and achievements.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress and often exceed typical levels of development. The childminder skilfully provides additional support when needed to ensure children are ready for their next stages of learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY436604
Local authority	Torbay
Inspection number	822860
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	29 March 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Paignton, Devon. The childminder provides care between 8am and 5.30pm. The childminder receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. She holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

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