

Childminder Report

Inspection date

8 December 2015

Previous inspection date

11 October 2010

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Outstanding | 1 |
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| | Previous inspection: | Good | 2 |
| 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 is exceptionally skilled at extending children's early language development. For example, she responds to the sounds they make and uses simple words to describe their play. She successfully uses eye contact and facial expressions to communicate with them and build on their skills further.
- The childminder is extremely dedicated and ambitious in providing outstanding care and learning opportunities to meet children's needs. She meticulously evaluates her provision and continuously identifies where she can improve outcomes for the children.
- Partnerships with parents are outstanding. The childminder works extremely closely with parents and keeps them completely informed of their children's development. She includes parents in their children's assessment and offers excellent ideas and strategies they can use at home to extend their children's learning.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The childminder provides exciting and challenging activities based on children's interests and their developmental needs. She encourages young children to explore their environment and make choices in their play. Children thoroughly enjoy their learning and make excellent progress.
- The childminder is extremely caring towards the children and builds excellent relationships with them. She is highly attentive and gives them the affection and support they need. Children are exceedingly happy in her care.
- The childminder provides children with an excellent range of interesting and challenging toys. She encourages the youngest children to explore their environment and supports their choices in play extremely well.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the already good learning opportunities for those children who learn best outside, to help them explore and challenge themselves further in their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and the childminder playing together.
- The inspector examined a sample of documentation, including safeguarding policies and procedures, and children's records.
- The inspector and childminder discussed the play activities and children's learning during the inspection, and undertook a joint observation of children's play.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this had on children's learning.

Inspector

Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder is highly organised and dedicated to providing the highest level of care and learning for every child. She reflects closely on her provision and continually thinks about ways to further develop her overall practice and outcomes for the children. For example, she reorganised her environment to better encourage children's own choices in play. The childminder is extremely proactive in seeking further training and undertakes her own research to keep up to date with current practice. She completes meticulous self-evaluation processes and identifies that she would like to continue to develop her excellent knowledge of outdoor play, to further enhance her support of children who learn best outside. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent understanding of child protection issues and knows the correct procedures to follow should she have any concerns about a child's welfare. This helps her to safeguard children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder gathers extremely detailed information from parents and has an exceptional understanding of each child's development. She monitors children's progress extremely precisely. This helps to enable her to quickly identify and address any gaps in children's development. The childminder makes expert use of her extremely detailed observations and assessments to plan and provide exciting and challenging activities. For example, children thoroughly enjoy sensory experiences, exploring different textures. The childminder is extremely skilled at supporting children's learning through play. For instance, she encourages children to stand and build their strength in preparation for taking their first steps. She is highly focused on promoting children's individual learning and supports their progress in the best possible way.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children thrive as their emotional and physical well-being is extremely well promoted. The childminder is incredibly sensitive to children's individual needs. She is exceptionally nurturing, and she cuddles and rocks young children as they fall asleep quickly. They feel secure in her care. Children thoroughly enjoy playing with an extremely wide range of high-quality toys. They confidently explore their exciting environment and enjoy leading their own play. Children show high levels of motivation in their learning and respond well when the childminder praises their efforts. For example, children thoroughly enjoy exploring toys with buttons, and concentrate on solving problems during their play.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children make excellent progress in their learning in relation to their starting points. Children develop valuable early communication, physical and social skills. Children show curiosity, are highly engaged in their play and are learning the skills they need for their future learning.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | 124256 |
| Local authority | Croydon |
| Inspection number | 840465 |
| Type of provision | Childminder |
| Day care type | Childminder |
| Registers | Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register |
| Age range of children | 0 - 1 |
| Total number of places | 6 |
| Number of children on roll | 1 |
| Name of provider | |
| Date of previous inspection | 11 October 2010 |
| Telephone number | |

The childminder registered in 1997. She lives in the London Borough of Croydon. The childminder cares for children between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Thursday, all year.

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