Childminder Report



Inspection date	2 December 2015
Previous inspection date	6 June 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

- The childminder supports children effectively so that they acquire age-appropriate skills to learn, develop and progress further.
- Children make good progress in their communication, literacy and mathematical development. For example, they learn to count confidently, recognise letters, and children who are learning English as an additional language make good progress.
- The childminder plans and provides a stimulating range of learning experiences that reflect all areas of learning, and which engage children's interest for long periods.
- The child-friendly and welcoming environment created by the childminder helps to promote a sense of belonging for those children who attend.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of supporting children's safety. For example, she attends regular safeguarding training, and implements appropriate measures to promote children's welfare.
- Partnerships with parents are secure. The childminder ensures that she includes parents in their children's learning and development, and regularly informs them about their progress.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses some opportunities to exchange information fully with other settings that children attend to strengthen ways of working together to meet children's care and learning needs.
- The childminder does not always make the best use of some outdoor learning opportunities to extend further children's interest in exploring nature and to increase their awareness about the wider world.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on current methods of communicating with other settings that children attend to strengthen further their learning, development and care
- extend learning opportunities outdoors to promote children's experiences fully, in particular their understanding of the natural world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder throughout the inspection at appropriate times about how she promotes children's care and learning needs.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the childminder and the children as they engaged in activities, both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector viewed children's records, assessment documentation, the planning of activities, and the childminder's policies and procedures shared with parents.
- The inspector looked at the areas used for childminding, including play materials and equipment.
- The inspector took account of parental feedback made available at the inspection.

Inspector

Shaheen Belai

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder has good working relationships with parents and shares information regularly with them. She regularly assesses children's learning, enabling her to monitor their progress and identify any area that may need further support. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a good understanding of supporting children's overall well-being, and implements her policies and procedures well in practice. Parents' comments about the childminder are positive; they recognise the impact of her service on their children's care and development. The childminder strives to maintain and identify improvements for her provision; she has addressed previous recommendations from her last inspection well. In addition, she values the support from her local authority and other professionals to help her to bring about improvements.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder provides an environment that is nurturing and welcoming, and children are happy and confident learners. The childminder offers children stimulating activities and provides interesting resources that cover all areas of learning. She selects these based on children's individual needs and interests. The childminder is enthusiastic, for example, she joins in with children's play to make learning fun and interesting, and they happily welcome her. She knows how to extend their communication skills, for example, by skilfully using questions to progress their learning while they play and offering new challenges. The childminder is confident in her teaching and captures children's attention to explore and learn.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are confident, happy and settle very quickly in the childminder's care. They are confident to seek out the support of the childminder to help resolve minor issues, such as sharing and turn taking. The childminder encourages children to support one another in activities, which helps them to form secure friendships. Children enjoy healthy food options, including those that reflect different cultural diets, and learn about managing their own personal care, such as through routine tasks. They enjoy daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise. Children learn about their own identities and those of others within the community; the childminder uses a broad range of resources to support children to develop a positive outlook towards others.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress. They are learning to be independent, such as in making decisions about their play, and are developing a good range of skills to support their early reading and writing skills. All children prepare well for their eventual move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number EY259674

Local authority Redbridge

Inspection number 833159

Type of provision Childminder

Day care type Childminder

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 3 - 8

Total number of places 6

Number of children on roll 2

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 6 June 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in Ilford, in the London Borough of Redbridge. She is available to care for children Monday to Friday, throughout most of the year.

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