

Childminder Report



Inspection date	7 December 2015
Previous inspection date	9 December 2010

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 provides an excellent range of inspiring play activities that significantly motivate children's learning. This successfully promotes their rapid progress.
- The childminder is highly effective at evaluating practice. He skilfully identifies ways to continually make improvements, such as through training. For example, he has completed a sign language course that successfully helps him promote inclusion and develop children's communication. This helps to significantly enhance outcomes for children.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of requirements and extends children's learning exceptionally well. For example, he gently inspires children in play and skilfully asks them questions that challenge their thinking.
- The childminder promotes children's behaviour exceptionally well and consistently praises them. Children respond extremely positively to his gentle humour and feel secure in his care. This helps to significantly promote their emotional well-being.
- The childminder forms very strong partnerships with parents. Their written comments are extremely positive and note they feel completely reassured by the care he offers.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make even more use of opportunities to further promote children's developing understanding of letters, words and sounds.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play and interactions indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector sampled documentation, such as operational policies and procedures and required records, including those relating to suitability.
- The inspector took into account the written and spoken views of parents.
- The inspector had discussions with the childminder about children's development.
- The inspector viewed the childminder's self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Mary Daniel

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder demonstrates an excellent knowledge of safeguarding and procedures to keep children safe. He works exceptionally well with his co-childminder to rigorously analyse and continually develop their provision. For example, he gives clear emphasis to supporting their assistant's understanding of her role and responsibilities, and actively encourages ongoing training. The childminder is clearly proactive in keeping parents exceptionally well informed of their child's progress and involving them in their learning. He forms extremely positive, ongoing links with other providers that children attend. This successfully contributes to the expert knowledge he has of children's individual care and learning needs, and promotes a highly effective, consistent approach.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children are exceptionally curious and active learners. For example, they explore changes of colour with water and food colouring with great interest. They show fascination as they discover which objects float or sink in a saucepan of water. Children develop excellent coordination skills, for instance, as they carefully fill small jugs with water and excitedly pour this down a gutter pipe. They use their imagination extremely well in their play. For example, they eagerly dress up in sparkly princess dresses or colourful superhero outfits and act out their ideas with great enthusiasm. The childminder significantly supports children's developing language and literacy skills and they gain very good control of writing tools from an early age. However, very occasionally he misses opportunities to extend their awareness of familiar letters and words to strengthen their early literacy skills even further. The childminder makes excellent use of assessment to monitor children's progress and close any gaps in their learning. He accurately identifies their next steps of learning and uses these to skilfully challenge and build on their existing abilities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is highly effective at supporting children's physical good health and well-being. Children have excellent opportunities to exercise and use up their energy, for instance, at an exciting soft play centre. They have great fun climbing, crawling and rolling safely and gain extremely good balance and control of their large and small movements. Children experience an excellent range of social events and become very well-motivated to participate in activities. They quickly gain confidence in their abilities, for example, in putting on their coats and shoes, developing exceptionally good independence skills.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children develop extremely positive attitudes to others and learn to keep themselves and others safe. They show excellent concentration and interest in learning. This significantly helps children develop the future skills needed for their move to pre-school and school.

Setting details

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Local authority	Devon
Inspection number	822604
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	9 December 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010. He lives in Cullompton, Devon. The childminder holds a qualification in child care at level 3. He cares for children Mondays to Fridays, all year round. The childminder works with his wife, who is also a registered childminder, and at times, he also works with an assistant.

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