

Childminder Report

Inspection date

15 December 2015

Previous inspection date

16 May 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	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 quality of teaching is excellent. The childminder skilfully incorporates each child's ability and interests into every activity. This helps to effectively highly motivate and challenge children in their learning.
- The childminder has a comprehensive system of very closely monitoring and tracking children's progress. This enables her to precisely plan for each child to develop them exceptionally well from their individual starting points. Children are making consistently high rates of progress.
- Children are confident and fully enjoy their learning as they move freely around their environment. They engage quickly in the wide range of rich and stimulating activities that they can choose for themselves or that the childminder organises.
- The childminder has highly effective processes to involve parents in their children's learning. For example, she shares development folders, sends photos, emails, texts and has daily discussions. The childminder effectively helps parents to continue their children's learning at home.
- Children develop a very thorough understanding of healthy lifestyles. For example, they plan together the weekly meals and take part in a wide range of physical activities.
- The childminder has an inspirational attitude to her role. She sets incisive targets for herself to continually drive improvement and maintain exceedingly high standards of care and teaching. This provides extremely positive outcomes for children in her care.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to implement plans to reflect even more fully on children's backgrounds and home lives.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder at various times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector toured all parts of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector observed children engaged in activities.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, including suitability checks, and policies and procedures.
- The inspector took into account the written views of parents.

Inspector

Sarah Stephens

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder's knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage is outstanding. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an exceptional understanding of current legislation and guidance, and reflects this throughout her practice. She knows the signs that would cause her concern about a child's welfare and the procedures to follow. The childminder has highly effective partnerships with other providers children attend. She works closely with them to complement the learning and care, and provide excellent outcomes for children. The childminder regularly seeks the views of parents, children and other professionals to help her evaluate her service and maintain her high-quality practice. She attends regular training to further improve her knowledge and skills, such as a relevant childcare qualification at level 4.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder has a deep understanding of how to effectively promote children's learning and development. She gets to know children and their families exceptionally well from the start. The childminder encourages parents to share their wealth of knowledge of what children already know and what they can do. She makes exact and precise assessments that accurately reflect children's learning. The childminder effectively uses the information to actively promote children's next stage in development and helps to highly stimulate them in their learning. Children show curiosity and high levels of concentration, appropriate for their age. For example, they become engrossed as they explore and investigate a post-box activity. The childminder shows excellent levels of supervision, knowing when to allow children time to be fully absorbed in their own play and when they need support. She uses her highly effective teaching to help children make excellent progress in their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's well-being is of utmost priority. The childminder very closely monitors children when they need more support and provides them with reassurance to effectively promote their levels of security. Children develop highly positive relationships and strong attachments with the childminder and each other. Children behave extremely well. The childminder provides them with clear guidance and explanations. She consistently encourages them to collaborate together, taking turns and sharing. These skills help to prepare children exceptionally well for their future learning. The childminder provides an excellent range of opportunities for children to learn about their wider community. This helps children to fully respect and value each other's differences. However, she does not take all opportunities to explore other languages spoken at home.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make extremely good progress from the start with the childminder. They are exceptionally prepared for the next stage in their development, including their move to school or nursery when the time arrives.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY432318
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	838925
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 5
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	16 May 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Sevenoaks, Kent. She offers care all day, Monday to Friday, throughout the year.

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