

Childminder Report

Inspection date	12 January 2016
Previous inspection date	17 June 2011

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 quality of teaching is extremely good and children make excellent progress in their learning, relative to their starting points. Robust monitoring of the provision and children's progress ensures that the childminder quickly addresses any gaps in learning.
- The childminder creates a welcoming, stimulating and extremely exciting environment for children. She allows children to guide their own play extremely well as they choose inspiring resources to extend their interests.
- The childminder and her assistants form close and affectionate bonds with children. Children feel safe and supported. The childminder encourages children's high levels of independence and self-confidence through constant encouragement and praise.
- The childminder promotes excellent partnerships with parents. She regularly shares information with parents and involves them in their children's learning from the start.
- The childminder continually exchanges information with adults at other settings to keep them fully involved and to provide consistency for children. She meets children's needs exceptionally well.
- The childminder continually, and highly effectively, risk assesses all areas of her home and outings. She keeps children safe and secure at all times.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide even more opportunities to develop the early reading skills of children who prefer to play outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the living area, playroom and garden.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder, her assistants and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector saw evidence of the suitability checks for the childminder and her assistants, looked at children's assessment records, the childminder's policies and her self-evaluation.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through discussions on the day and by reviewing parents' letters.

Inspector

Ann Gudde

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The well-qualified childminder is also very experienced. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder and her assistants demonstrate an excellent understanding of child protection issues, including the procedures to follow to safeguard children's welfare. The childminder monitors the effectiveness and ongoing suitability of her assistants well through regular discussions and their professional development. She works closely with parents and other childminders to evaluate her provision. She continually updates her already excellent knowledge and skills. She accesses a wide range of training courses and regularly meets with other professionals to share her high-quality practice. She keeps up to date with her personal development and any changes in legislation.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder has an excellent knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, and implements them highly effectively. She observes children closely and uses her observations extremely well to inform the excellent planning which is tailored to each individual child's learning needs. The childminder helps children to make extremely good progress in all areas of learning. Children are actively involved in their learning and extremely well motivated. Teaching is highly effective. The childminder promotes children's communication and language skills exceptionally well through everyday activities. Overall, children's early reading skills develop very well. For example, children quickly recognise the letters in their names. However, there are fewer opportunities to extend this aspect of learning for children who learn best outside.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder's calm and caring approach helps children to feel secure and safe. She is an excellent role model who encourages kindness and good behaviour. Children display excellent manners. The childminder promotes the children's self-esteem and confidence extremely well, for example, as they enjoy being the helper of the day and carry out small tasks. The childminder enthusiastically encourages children to develop their understanding of healthy lifestyles. Children have excellent opportunities to experience fresh air and exercise, and enjoy being in the childminder's stimulating garden. They learn about healthy foods and healthy eating. The childminder takes children on an exciting range of outings, where children enjoy physical play and develop their social skills. They learn to negotiate, share and take turns extremely well. ?

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress in their learning in relation to their starting points. They are extremely motivated and active learners, which helps them in preparation for their move on to pre-school and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	105362
Local authority	Bracknell Forest
Inspection number	824762
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	18
Number of children on roll	14
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	17 June 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1997 and lives in Warfield, Berkshire. She works with a total of four assistants. The childminder operates Monday to Friday, from 7.20am to 6pm, all year round. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

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