

Childminder Report

Inspection date	18 January 2016
Previous inspection date	18 October 2010

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

- Children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points. The childminder motivates and encourages children to persist and become confident learners.
- The childminder supports children incredibly well to be independent and manage their own personal care. For example, children practise drying their own hands, dressing and undressing to help develop skills for their future.
- Excellent, meticulous systems for observation and assessment are sharply focused on children's individual needs. The childminder follows children's interests and provides interesting and stimulating challenges to build further on their learning and development.
- The childminder evaluates her practice exceptionally well. She values the feedback from parents and children to develop further her already extremely high standards and practice.
- The childminder is committed to extending her professional development. She attends regular training to keep her knowledge of current practice up to date.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen even further the already excellent opportunities to extend children's thinking and problem-solving skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled children's learning documents and assessments.
- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the quality of teaching.
- The inspector took account of the views from parents spoken to on the day and parents' written feedback.
- The inspector sampled a selection of relevant documentation, including suitability checks.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder has highly impressive knowledge of how children learn. She uses her excellent knowledge and skills to provide children with exceptional activities and experiences that engage, stimulate and motivate them in their learning. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a thorough understanding of child protection and the procedures to follow if she had concerns about a child's welfare. She completes meticulous risk assessments of her environment and any outings they have. This helps to minimise any potential hazards to the children. The childminder has very successfully addressed the recommendations set at her previous inspection. For example, she has excellent links with other settings that children attend and has developed partnership working to benefit the children. Parents praise the childminder's nurturing care and excellent learning opportunities.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder engages parents exceptionally well in their children's learning. They have excellent opportunities to discuss their children's learning and share what their children do at home. The childminder promotes children's mathematical understanding extremely well. For example, children count steps and pieces of fruit, and sing number songs. Children have excellent opportunities to develop their communication and language skills. For example, the childminder models language and repeats words back to them correctly pronounced. However, very occasionally children are not always given enough time to think through their ideas for themselves. Children enjoy their learning and the childminder is excellent at engaging the children in play. For example, children make links between pictures in the book to a variety of real fruits during story time.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is extremely sensitive and responsive to children's emotional needs. Daily care routines provide exceptional personalised care for children. The childminder's excellent settling-in process places a high priority on children's well-being. They form very secure attachments with her and are very happy, settled and confident. There is an excellent range of toys, resources and equipment, indoors and outdoors, for children to make independent choices. Children are extremely well behaved; they learn to share and think of others. The childminder encourages children to make healthy food choices and ensures they have daily outdoor play.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points. They have the skills necessary to support them as they move on to the next stage of their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY408300
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	831650
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	18 October 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. The childminder offers care from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Wednesday all year, excluding bank holidays and family holidays.

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