

Childminder Report

Inspection date

14 January 2016

Previous inspection date

19 February 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 evaluates the service she provides. She accurately identifies her strengths and areas she can improve. The childminder successfully engages parents and older children in the self-evaluation process.
- The childminder keeps the children in her care safe. Children are well supervised at all times throughout their play. The childminder carries out effective risk assessments of all areas used by the children. The indoor and outdoor play areas are safe and secure.
- Children make good progress. The childminder provides the children with fun activities that successfully support their individual learning. They eagerly engage in a good variety of activities.
- The childminder shares warm relationships with the children in her care. She is sensitive towards their individual needs and swiftly responds to their mood changes. Young children play harmoniously together, and show care and concern for one another.
- Partnerships with parents are very well established. The childminder effectively builds relationships with them during the settling-in periods. Parents are kept well informed about all aspects of the service and their children's development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Links with other early years providers are established, but are not fully effective to ensure that continuity of learning is as strong as possible.
- The childminder does not always consider different ways to help children explore and understand about growing and living things.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the links with other early years providers in order to boost continuity of learning for all children
- explore further ways of promoting children's understanding of the natural world to give more emphasis to understanding about living and growing things.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities in the childminder's home and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's training certificates and evidence of the suitability of adults living in the childminder's home.
- The inspector took account of the written views of parents and those spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Hayley Lapworth

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a secure understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect. The childminder completes suitability checks on all adults living in her home. The childminder keeps abreast of changes in childcare through reading recent publications and sharing good practice with other providers. Partnerships with parents are successful. Parents are extremely happy with the service they receive. They comment that they especially appreciate how their children's learning is supported. They also comment that the childminder is very sensitive and supportive towards the whole family.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder has many years experience of caring for children and supporting their learning and development. She is knowledgeable about their current stage of development and the interests of children in her care. The childminder observes and tracks the children's learning; she is aware of their progress and identifies any gaps in their development. The childminder successfully uses this information to plan for children's individual learning. Young children access a variety of resources to explore and investigate. One example of this is when children are encouraged to search for interesting items in a tray of shredded paper. The childminder takes many opportunities to promote children's communication and language. She also successfully introduces mathematical language, such as big and small, and counting.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's behaviour is excellent. The childminder effectively supports children to learn right from wrong. She is always in close proximity to them guiding them to share, be kind and respect one another. Children's emotional needs are successfully supported. Settling-in arrangements are agreed with parents on an individual basis. The childminder supports children's health and well-being. She provides information to parents about good foods to put in their children's lunchboxes and she offers a variety of fresh fruit at snack time. Children wash their hands before eating and spend time playing outdoors. The childminder checks her garden before use and her home each day to ensure it is safe. She also reminds children how to keep safe. The childminder helps them to understand that if they play with the safety gate they may trap their fingers.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are beginning to acquire good skills to support them as they move on to pre-school and school. They make good progress across the seven areas of learning. The childminder monitors their development successfully. Children have opportunities to build relationships with children of a similar age at local groups and events in the community.

Setting details

Unique reference number	260696
Local authority	Coventry
Inspection number	854955
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	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	19 February 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2001. She lives in Coventry. The childminder operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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