

Childminder Report

Inspection date	21 January 2016
Previous inspection date	28 January 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The childminder is not able to demonstrate that she holds the required current paediatric first aid qualification by producing the certificate for inspection.
- The childminder has not made the most of all opportunities for children to predict what might happen next.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder is well qualified and has an excellent knowledge and understanding of how children learn and develop. This enables her to monitor the educational programme extremely closely.
- The childminder is a superb teacher who provides children with an excellent range of varied activities. Children make consistently high rates of progress in relation to their starting points.
- The childminder recognises the individual characteristics of each family and works very closely with them. She has built highly effective relationships with parents. This helps to create a consistent approach to meeting the care and learning needs of children.
- The childminder has built excellent relationships with children. The close bonds help children to feel secure in her care and talk about their feelings.
- Children benefit from a very welcoming, enabling, and stimulating environment with use of a good range of toys and resources.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register the provider must:

Due Date

- maintain an appropriate paediatric first-aid qualification and ensure that the certificate is available for inspection. 19/02/2016

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

- enhance even further the opportunities for children to make predictions about what might happen in different situations.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times and discussed self-evaluation.
- The inspector considered the views of the parents and children.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation relating to the Early Years Foundation Stage provided by the childminder.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of the childminder and other adults in the household.

Inspector

Joanne Ryan

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management requires improvement

The childminder was not able to make all required documentation available for inspection. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a strong interest in this area and has a good knowledge of the signs that might cause concern. She understands how to respond if she suspects a child is being abused; this helps to keep children safe. The childminder is completely committed to undertaking professional development and continues to improve outcomes for children exceptionally well. For example, she has recently undertaken training on phonics, communication and language and behaviour management. This helped her to develop the strategies she uses to manage behaviour and extended her knowledge of why children behave in particular ways. The childminder continuously reflects upon how she can improve her childminding service. She is extremely motivated and drives forward enhancements to her provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides children with high levels of challenge and effectively follows their lead in play. Children confidently make decisions about what they want to play with and test out their own ideas. Assessment of children's stages of development is rigorous. The childminder uses this information exceptionally well. Children are curious, interested and active in their learning. The childminder has built excellent relationships with other settings children attend and she creates a fully consistent approach to teaching and learning. The childminder is highly skilled at extending children's communication and language skills, and has undertaken training in this area. Children use talk well to organise and clarify their thinking and ideas. The childminder expertly supports children's literacy skills. Older children form letters correctly and make marks in their everyday play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

The childminder did not make her current paediatric first-aid certificate available for inspection. However, the risk to children is not significant because there is evidence of previous first-aid training. The childminder places a very strong emphasis on supporting children's emotional needs. She recognises and offers the level of support each individual child needs. Children are extremely confident and self-assured. The childminder successfully meets the care needs and physical well-being of children. She provides them with healthy and nutritious food and effectively develops their understanding of healthy lifestyles. The childminder promotes children's understanding of safety exceedingly well. Children competently describe what they need to do to keep themselves safe.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

The childminder significantly enhances the knowledge and abilities of each child. Children are acquiring all the key skills required for their next stage in learning. The excellent, focused teaching ensures children are making rapid progress in their learning and development.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY318279
Local authority	Oldham
Inspection number	849065
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	28 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2005 and lives in Failsworth. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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