

Childminder Report

Inspection date

1 February 2016

Previous inspection date

2 November 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 well qualified and very experienced childminder is passionate about the service that she provides. She continuously completes training and reviews her practice to establish what she does well and to identify areas for improvement. The views of parents and children are valued and help her to maintain the very high standards of childcare.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The childminder provides high-quality learning experiences that are well targeted to children's interests and next steps in learning. Children make excellent progress and are becoming well prepared for school.
- Partnerships with parents are firmly established and provide a strong contribution towards children's care and development. Excellent information sharing between the childminder and parents ensures that children's care needs are well known and extremely well met.
- The childminder offers gentle and thoughtful care in a safe, homely environment, which supports children's personal development and their emotional well-being very effectively. Children feel secure and are very confident to actively explore and learn.
- The environment is extremely calm, inviting and productive. Resources are particularly stimulating and readily accessible to children. Children have many opportunities to take control and make independent choices about their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the impact of planned changes to the outdoor area on children's learning.

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 evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of household members.
- The inspector looked at written feedback from parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lindsey Pollock

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder is passionate and dedicated to her role. She has an excellent understanding of her responsibilities for the safeguarding and welfare of children and for their learning and development. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder is fully aware of how to identify and report any child protection concerns. Children's safety is given the highest priority. They are closely supervised at all times and the premises are secure and safe. The childminder continually strives for excellence. She has clear plans in place to continually develop the already first-class provision. For example, she is currently looking to see how she can enhance the outdoor provision even further.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder interacts extremely well with children to promote their interests and support learning. Precise assessments help the childminder to monitor children's progress and to plan highly engaging activities. An example of this is when the childminder recognises children's current interest in animals. She reads exciting stories about animals. Resources, such as puppets and musical instruments help to keep children highly engaged and interested for long periods of time. Children have great fun banging drums and blowing whistles to make animal sounds. All children get fully involved as the childminder is very skilful in adapting activities to include everyone. The childminder constantly talks with children about what they are doing and how they are playing. She asks questions, offers suggestions and provides new words for children. All children are becoming very confident and increasingly articulate in their interactions with others. Highly effective partnerships between parents and the childminder ensure that parents are very well informed about their child's developmental progress.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is extremely warm and caring and is very proud of children in her care. Parents pay her the highest compliments and say that she cares about each child in her setting as if they were her own. Children demonstrate they feel extremely confident with the childminder and their emotional well-being is exceptionally well supported. The childminder is an excellent role model and treats each child with kindness and respect. Children's behaviour is exemplary. They share resources, take turns and are able to follow simple rules and boundaries. Children's good health is significantly enhanced by the childminding provision. They learn quickly about how to keep themselves well through eating healthy food and following strict hygiene routines. The childminder ensures that children access lots of resources and activities in the home and in the community to help them develop an understanding of the wider world.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Teaching has an excellent impact on children's learning. All children make rapid progress from their starting points and develop essential skills for future learning. They are very independent and show continuous learning in all aspects of their play.

Setting details

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Local authority	North Yorkshire
Inspection number	848677
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 3
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	2 November 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2004 and lives in Gatenby. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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