

Childminder Report

Inspection date

10 February 2016

Previous inspection date

16 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

- Children thrive in the highly stimulating environment. The childminder provides outstanding teaching and an imaginative range of learning activities. Children are fully engaged in their learning and play, and make outstanding progress.
- The childminder strives to update her professional knowledge and continually improves her practice and the service provided. She attends regular training, reads relevant documentation and works closely with other local childminders.
- The childminder develops children's communication and language skills extremely well and provides exciting opportunities for children to explore, be creative and develop their physical skills.
- Children's personal, social and emotional development and well-being are promoted exceptionally well. The childminder has forged a close bond with the children in her care. Children gain in confidence, are eager to engage in activities and develop increasing independence.
- Parents are extremely well informed about their children's progress and events. Parents are very pleased with the care and activities provided.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement plans to extend the outdoor learning facilities to further enhance learning opportunities for those who enjoy being outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and observed children engaged in a range of activities.
- The inspector examined documentation, including the childminder's qualifications certificates, assessments of children's achievement, children's learning journeys and documents relating to safeguarding.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector took account of parents' written comments and views.

Inspector

Derek Watts

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder demonstrates a great enthusiasm for her role. She has an exceptionally secure understanding of her responsibility to promote children's care and learning. The childminder uses her experience and expertise to help ensure that the children are provided with high quality provision. She continually reviews her practice and takes effective steps to maintain her outstanding provision, making improvements where required. For example, she has clear plans to further extend outdoor learning facilities. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder is fully aware of the procedures to follow should she have concerns about the well-being of any children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder has high expectations of what each child can achieve and provides outstanding teaching and support. She gains an accurate view of children's skills when they arrive. Information gained through ongoing assessment is used well to plan challenging and stimulating activities for the children. For example, the childminder develops children's communication and language skills through songs, rhymes and by speaking clearly. Children use their rapidly evolving language confidently to express themselves. Babies babble excitedly and older children explore new and exciting words as they describe objects, for example, commenting that they are 'rough' or 'smooth'. First-rate learning resources and toys very effectively promote children's understanding of mathematics, as well as their creativity and physical skills. Children are captivated, inspired and fully engaged. They make rapid progress in the different areas of learning. Parents are kept very well informed about their children's progress and the next steps of their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder has developed a warm and strong bond with the children in her care. Children feel secure with the childminder and they gain in confidence. Children show considerable enthusiasm for the activities provided. They demonstrate exceptionally high levels of curiosity, imagination and concentration. The children are exceptionally well behaved in the setting and show high levels of cooperation, self control and respect for others. Children's health and safety are extremely well promoted. The childminder has established very good hygiene routines. Children enjoy regular exercise and healthy meals and snacks.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are excited about learning and thoroughly enjoy their time with the childminder. They are confident, sociable and extremely well behaved. All children make rapid progress and are very well prepared for the next stages of their education.

Setting details

Unique reference number	159827
Local authority	Windsor & Maidenhead
Inspection number	826069
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 2
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	16 November 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2001. She lives in Maidenhead, Berkshire. The childminder operates on weekdays for most of the year.

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