

Childminder Report

Inspection date	11 January 2016
Previous inspection date	21 June 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 childminder's excellent self-evaluation procedure focuses on improvements for children. A new playroom and development of the garden has provided extra space for children to play and move around freely.
- Children develop exceptionally strong relationships with the childminder. They are confident, happy and settle easily. This helps to support children's emotional well-being.
- The childminder has excellent partnerships with parents. Regular information sharing keeps parents informed about their children's individual learning.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The childminder plans extremely stimulating, exciting and enjoyable play experiences based on his accurate observations and assessments of children's play and learning.
- Outstanding partnerships working with other settings that children attend support a shared approach to children's learning and development. All children make excellent progress and are highly motivated.
- Exceptionally robust practice, and policies and procedures provide a safe, welcoming and highly stimulating environment for children. Children develop exceptionally well and learn how to manage their own safety.

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 for children to develop their exploratory play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled children's learning documents and assessments.
- The inspector took account of the views from parents' written feedback.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching.
- The inspector and childminder completed a joint observation.

Inspector

Tania Bennett

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder has an excellent understanding of the value of regular self-evaluation to help maintain the very high standards of care and learning. He regularly seeks parents' and children's views to identify areas for further development. He works incredibly well alongside his co-childminder. They share leadership and management responsibility and both have unique skills and strengths to support children's learning. The childminder continuously accesses training to further improve his knowledge. He has links with other professionals, should there be a need to seek guidance and support to promote children's learning and development. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder knows the procedures to follow if he has any concerns for a child's welfare or safety.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children thoroughly enjoy independently accessing the exciting and stimulating range of toys and equipment. The childminder expertly encourages children to make choices in their play. Children choose to practise their small physical skills. For example, they thread cereal onto string to make bird feeders. The childminder supports children's developing knowledge of the world around them extremely well. However, very occasionally, the childminder does not make the most of opportunities to further extend children's exploration skills. The childminder provides an excellent range of activities and experiences to help children learn about differences between themselves and others. For example, the childminder celebrates different cultural festivals with the children.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Excellent and focused daily routines help children to develop their understanding about being healthy. For example, the childminder sings songs with the children about hand washing and how to stay safe on outings. Children's behaviour is exceptional. Children are extremely sociable, they share resources and toys and show respect towards each other. Children provide their own healthy lunchboxes and the childminder prepares very healthy snacks. He has high regard for children's individual dietary needs and requirements, and shares his expectations with parents. Water is freely available from the water dispenser, encouraging children to drink if they are thirsty. Children enjoy an excellent range of outdoor daily experiences.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points. They are extremely confident and independent, and ready for the next stage in their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY389630
Local authority	East Sussex
Inspection number	822404
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	5
Number of children on roll	12
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	21 June 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009. He lives in Heathfield, East Sussex. The childminder works jointly with his wife who is also a registered childminder. The childminder offers care from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year excluding bank and family holidays.

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