# Childminder Report



Inspection date	1 March 2016
Previous inspection date	29 June 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 has a secure knowledge of how children learn and develop. The quality of teaching is good and children make good progress.
- The childminder supports children's communication and language skills well. For example, she gets down to children's level, adds new words into their vocabulary and promotes children's confidence to communicate with others.
- Children enjoy the time they spend with the childminder. She supports them well as they play. This helps children gain confidence and motivation to explore the wide range of equipment available.
- The childminder provides a warm, welcoming environment where children feel happy, safe and secure in her care.
- The childminder provides children with opportunities to discover and learn about the world around them. Children learn about each other's similarities and differences, other cultures and ways of life outside of their own experiences.

#### It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder uses a variety of methods to effectively share information about the children's progress, but she is less successful in encouraging all parents to be actively involved about what their children do and learn at home.
- The childminder's assessment system is not fully developed to precisely and consistently give a clear overview of how children progress across all areas of learning.

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# What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on current ways of communicating with parents, to strengthen further children's learning and development between home and the setting
- develop the assessment system further so that children's progress is more precisely and consistently monitored across all areas of learning.

#### **Inspection activities**

- The inspector completed observations with the childminder and the children in the lounge and the kitchen.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including self-evaluation documents, children's learning records, policies and procedures.
- Discussions took place with the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled written feedback from parents made available during the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of the childminder.

#### **Inspector**

Laxmi Patel

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# **Inspection findings**

#### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder reviews her setting effectively in order to improve her practice. She seeks the views of parents and children. Parents are very complimentary about the service she provides. The childminder identifies strengths and weaknesses, and focuses on improving the outcomes for children. For example, she works closely with the childminding network and has created a mud kitchen in the garden for children to explore, develop communication skills and enjoy role play. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a secure knowledge of how to keep children safe. She has a clear understanding of the process to follow should she need to report any concerns about a child's well-being. The childminder understands the importance of working with other providers to ensure continuity and good outcomes for children.

#### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder successfully promotes children's early literacy skills and their love for books. For example, children handle books well and complete familiar characters' names when given the initial sound. The childminder makes good use of opportunities to extend children's mathematical understanding as they play and during daily routines. For instance, children count pieces of fruits and vegetables at lunchtime and begin to explore their understanding of calculation as they eat. The childminder supports the development of children's communication and language skills well. She joins in with children's play experiences, listens to children and enthusiastically talks to them as they play.

#### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's good behaviour shows that they feel secure with the childminder. Children are aware of the clear boundaries and the childminder gives them age-appropriate explanations. Children have daily opportunities to be active outdoors on local trips to the parks and places of interest. The childminder supports children to develop confidence in their own physical abilities. She allows them to take risks during their play. The childminder arranges children's play and learning around their own routines. She supports them to have rests and naps as needed. The childminder is highly responsive to their emotional needs and regularly comforts and cuddles young children. She listens and responds to what children say, helping them to feel valued and respected. Children learn about the lives of others through discussions and events. For example, the childminder extends the children's learning by encouraging them to use a map of the world.

#### **Outcomes for children are good**

All children make good progress They are developing independence and good social skills. Children are gaining the key skills they need to prepare them for future learning.

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# **Setting details**

**Unique reference number** EY281652

**Local authority** Westminster

**Inspection number** 833571

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 7

Name of provider

**Date of previous inspection** 29 June 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in the Queens Park, in the London Borough of Westminster. She operates from Monday to Friday, all year round.

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