Childminder Report



Inspection date	7 March 2016
Previous inspection date	23 September 2010

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 asses	sment	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 attends required training to update her knowledge and understanding of how to keep children safe in her setting.
- The childminder considers children's abilities when they first join. She uses initial assessments to plan for their next steps in learning effectively and monitors their good progress continually.
- The childminder interacts with children well. She sets up activities with clear developmental aims and challenges for each child to promote their learning.
- The childminder provides a safe, secure and calm environment. Children settle-in well and build strong relationships with the childminder.
- Children learn to manage their personal needs throughout the day. For example, they dress themselves and put on their shoes.
- The childminder has developed good relationships with parents. They share children's learning at home with the childminder effectively and the childminder uses a daily diary to share daily information. Children benefit from this shared approach to their learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always make the best possible use of opportunities throughout the day to promote children's understanding of mathematics fully.
- The childminder's does not always organise her resources to help children make independent choices and follow their own ideas during their play.

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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:

- provide more opportunities to build on and extend children's mathematical development
- consider the organisation of equipment to help children choose toys, books and other resources to build on their ideas during spontaneous play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the areas of the premises children use.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about her knowledge of the requirements.
- The inspector observed activities and reviewed the quality of teaching.
- The inspector read the references and comments provided by parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector looked at range of documentation, including children's assessments and some policies and procedures.

Inspector

Katarina Hustava

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder has robust policies and procedures that she implements to promote children's safety. She has a good understanding of how to act if she has a concern about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder reflects on her practice and seeks feedback from parents to makes changes to benefit children. Since the last inspection, the childminder has improved her assessments of children, which has helped her to monitor children's progress more accurately. She has improved how she uses resources to help children talk about some of the similarities and differences in their cultures and traditions, and other people's in the wider community.

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Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder shares her accurate assessment of children's progress with parents. She knows children well, follows their interests and plans for their learning accordingly. The childminder plans simple activities, such as playdough, to stimulate children's learning. For example, she explained to children about Spring while they made daffodils out of the dough. She helped them name parts of the flower to extend their vocabulary and talked about how the weather affects nature. The childminder interacts with children well and asks a good range of questions to challenge their thinking and communication skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder adopts flexible settling-in procedures to help meet individual children's needs. She helps them to make friends with the other children. She encourages children to learn to share, respect each other and behave well. The childminder offers children healthy snacks between mealtimes and talks with them about the importance of a balanced diet. She encourages children to choose and peel the fruit themselves. The childminder promotes children's physical well-being. For example, she ensures children take daily exercise; they visit playgrounds and play in the garden. The childminder regularly practises evacuation procedures with children, teaching them how to keep safe.

Outcomes for children are good

Children naturally develop an understanding of what it will be like when they attend school. They become familiar with the local environment, for example, when they go with the childminder to drop off and pick up their friends from school. Older children practise writing and enjoy listening to stories. Children confidently recall past experiences, ask questions and explain what they are doing. For example, one child moulds the playdough into a tree and says, 'It will be a long time before next Christmas'. Children enjoy an active lifestyle, including music classes where they dance and use musical instruments. They all make good progress and are ready for the move to nursery or school when the time comes.

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Setting details

Unique reference number 138595

Local authority Hillingdon

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Type of provision Childminder

Day care type Childminder

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 1 - 8

Total number of places 6

Number of children on roll 7

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 23 September 2010

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in Uxbridge, in the London Borough of Hillingdon. The childminder operates her service Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm, for 48 weeks a year.

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