

Childminder Report

Inspection date

15 March 2016

Previous inspection date

4 March 2009

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 is an expert teacher; children relish their play and show a thirst for learning. They make excellent developmental progress and are very ready for school when they move on from her.
- Children benefit greatly from the exciting play activities which are exceptionally well planned by the childminder who shows an expert knowledge in all the areas of learning.
- Children exhibit great confidence for their age and stage of development. They have genuine love and affection for the childminder and are extremely at ease in her care and the highly stimulating environment.
- There is first-class attention to the safeguarding and welfare of children in partnership with parents, which is a central to the childminder's practice. For example, the childminder advises parents of the risks attached to the use of button batteries.
- The childminder's attention to detail in her leadership and organisation shines through. She has high expectations of herself and others, which bring outstanding outcomes.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to think critically.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play activities and the childminder's interactions with them.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about the children and looked at their learning records.
- The inspector sampled some safeguarding and leadership documentation.
- The inspector sampled written feedback from parents.

Inspector

Lorraine Wardlaw

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

This highly dedicated, meticulous childminder ensures the legal requirements are implemented to the highest level. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder completely understands child protection procedures, keeping abreast of regulatory changes. Her experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to strive for excellence means she is constantly looking at further ways to improve. For example, she seeks out best practice in early years, and creates home-made teaching resources. The childminder builds extremely strong bonds with parents, who write knowingly and glowingly of the high-quality provision she offers. She communicates easily with parents and passes on her expert knowledge; for example, talking about purposeful learning during home visits.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder expertly and effortlessly weaves teaching into children's play and everyday routines. Children benefit greatly from her high-quality interaction, attention and support. Excellent, enjoyable teaching resources are used. For example, stories which promote other cultures are actively brought to life with the use of story props and play animals. The childminder fully extends and challenges children, for example, by encouraging them to use a map of the world to show where the character in the story lives. The childminder's attention to detail means that pre-writing skills are promoted completely in line with each school's specific style.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children behave impeccably and harmoniously for their age and stage of development. They have an excellent relationship with the childminder and their friends. Each child is carefully included by the childminder; they thrive upon the very specific attention, praise and encouragement given to them. The exceedingly caring, patient and understanding childminder offers children a rich and nurturing environment in which they flourish. Children feel extremely settled, safe and secure. The childminder expertly juggles, and meets, their care and learning needs.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

The childminder provides children with a learning environment that is rich in language and endless opportunities to build on their current knowledge and skills, although there is less opportunity to think critically. Children are very enthusiastic and extremely keen to learn. Children talk about numbers, count and can solve problems with ease. An extensive range of toys and play activities are easily accessible. A high emphasis on outdoor play incorporates a wealth of wonderful learning opportunities; the childminder fully fosters living a healthy lifestyle. Children make superb progress in their learning and development.

Setting details

Unique reference number	112297
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	824990
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	4 March 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in Blackfield near Southampton, Hampshire. The childminder's operational hours are Monday to Friday, all year round. The childminder holds a level 3 early years qualification.

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