Childminder Report



Inspection date	17 March 2016
Previous inspection date	14 March 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assess	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 supports children to make good progress in their learning. She provides stimulating activities and experiences in response to children's interests.
- The childminder is affectionate and sensitive to children's needs, helping to promote their emotional well-being and self-esteem effectively.
- The childminder provides parents with a wide range of information about her setting so they know what to expect. Regular feedback about children's progress and consistent discussions contribute to promoting children's learning successfully.
- Children form very strong bonds with the childminder and her assistant. They develop good social skills and learn to treat each other with respect.
- The childminder works closely with her co-childminder and assistant to ensure a strong drive for improvement. They regularly meet with other childminders and attend training and workshops to help them extend their skills and improve outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Ofsted received notification of changes to household members, and the childminder has ensured that persons have obtained the required suitability check to ensure children's safety. However, she has not completed the documentation that Ofsted requires.
- The childminder misses some opportunities to help children develop their independence further and manage a wider range of tasks for themselves.

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What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register the provider must:

Due Date

complete the required documentation to inform Ofsted of additional members to the household, to ensure all of the required checks are completed. 31/03/2016

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

extend opportunities for children to strengthen their physical skills further and manage tasks independently.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at the areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector observed the childminder and assistant playing with the children during a range of activities.
- The inspector reviewed the childminder's policies, looked at children's records and checked evidence of the childminder's suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and her assistant throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views expressed by parents in their written responses.

Inspector

Judith Harris

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder checks the play areas daily as part of ensuring children's safety. She has a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures and ensures that her assistant is fully aware of her responsibilities. The childminder has daily discussions with parents about children's care and learning, which helps them to work successfully together. Parents are delighted with the care that their children receive and the childminder's ability to meet their needs. The childminder has improved communications with parents successfully since the last inspection. She supports her assistant well, has attended training, and has kept up to date with changes to continue their professional development and improve practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children learn in a stimulating environment. The childminder monitors and plans children's learning well. She provides opportunities for children to learn at their own pace. She ensures children have access to a selection of resources and motivates them well, such as with lots of praise and encouragement. Children enjoy playing together. For example, they played a ball game with the childminder and her assistant. They followed the instructions well and called out the name of the person they rolled the ball to. They clearly delighted in their play, rolling and catching the ball with skill. The childminder promotes children's early reading skills well. Children enjoy stories with the childminder, choosing their favourite books and helping to tell the story with confidence.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are very happy in the childminder's care. They confidently explore and choose resources for themselves. Children learn good skills for keeping themselves safe. For example, as children move confidently around the indoor and outdoor spaces, the childminder encourages them to be aware of possible hazards. Children have good opportunities to learn about healthy food options. For example, they plant and grow their own fruits and vegetables and find out more about how important they are. Children are very settled, behave well and learn to play cooperatively with one another.

Outcomes for children are good

Children successfully develop skills for their future learning. They communicate well and competently use a very wide range of words in their play, such as to describe the actions of the ball during a game. Children are happy and engage well; they quickly develop self-assurance.

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Setting details

Unique reference number 401737

Local authority Greenwich

Inspection number 826122

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 12

Number of children on roll 10

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 14 March 2012

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2001. She lives in the New Eltham area of the London Borough of Greenwich. The childminder works weekdays from 7am to 7.30pm, all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder works with a co-childminder and an assistant.

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