

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 April 2016

Previous inspection date

28 April 2010

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 enthusiastic and experienced childminder continually strives to improve her practice and keep up to date with Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. For example, she is taking a university degree in early years.
- The childminder works very closely with her co-childminder in creating a highly stimulating environment where children flourish.
- Children are provided with challenging and exciting learning activities that help them to make rapid progress. Children's communication and language skills are developed extremely well. They are also provided with excellent opportunities to explore and to solve problems.
- The childminder evaluates her provision extremely well. She uses the findings of self-review, her extensive expertise and relevant training to bring about improvements. For example, since the last inspection she has considerably strengthened partnerships with other settings that the children attend to enhance the continuity of learning.
- Children's emotional development and well-being are promoted exceptionally well. Children grow in confidence; they relate extremely well to others and demonstrate very positive behaviour.
- The childminder has built strong and highly effective partnerships with parents and the local community.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities to further enhance children's creative and expressive development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and observed the children participating in a range of activities.
- The inspector examined a range of documentation, including assessments, policies and records relating to safeguarding.
- The inspector and the childminder evaluated the effectiveness of some activities together.
- The inspector took account of parents' written comments and views.

Inspector

Derek Watts

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder and her co-childminder are a highly effective team and show considerable enthusiasm in providing a high-quality service. Rigorous self-evaluation and a well-planned programme of professional development help to ensure that the outstanding provision reported in previous inspections is maintained and built upon. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder shows an extremely secure understanding of how to protect children from risk of harm. The childminder has built exceptionally strong and productive partnerships with parents, who are very pleased with the care and education provided.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

High-quality teaching and exciting activities help children to make rapid progress. The childminder assesses children's skills accurately. She uses this assessment information in an exemplary manner to plan activities that are very well suited to children's interests and needs. The childminder promotes communication and literacy skills extremely well. For example, she constantly engages in discussion with children and questions them very skilfully to check their understanding. Challenging tasks and high-quality learning resources promote rapid gains in mathematics. For example, with excellent guidance from the childminder, children acquired new mathematical vocabulary as they sorted two-dimensional shapes, including a semi-circle. The childminder is keen to further extend facilities and opportunities for children's creative and expressive development.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children thoroughly enjoy their time in the setting. They are excited about learning and participate with huge enthusiasm in the highly stimulating activities provided. The childminder is highly successful in promoting good manners, sharing and showing consideration for others. Children are very comfortable with the adults in the setting and respond exceptionally well to their high expectations. As a result, children are cooperative and rapidly grow in confidence and independence. The older children provide considerable support to the younger ones. Children's behaviour is very positive in all activities. Hygiene and healthy lifestyles are promoted extremely well. Children thoroughly enjoy the freshly prepared meals and snacks provided.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children have a thirst for learning and are keen to try new things. They develop their communication and language skills extremely well and explain their learning accurately using newly acquired vocabulary. Children solve mathematical problems skilfully. They relate very well to others and happily share equipment. They acquire knowledge and understanding that prepare them exceptionally well for the next stage of their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY245598
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	826493
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	7
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	28 April 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2002 and lives in Godalming, Surrey. She works with her co-childminder husband. Childcare is offered throughout the week, including weekends and occasional overnight care. The service is provided all year round.

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