

Childminder Report

Inspection date	15 April 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 provides children with a wide range of interesting activities. Children make good progress in their learning.
- Children are confident and happy in the childminder's care. They form strong emotional attachments with her and their peers, which effectively helps to support their emotional well-being.
- The childminder uses effective procedures to minimise hazards and help to keep children safe. For example, she undertakes risk assessments of her home to support children to play in safety.
- The childminder shares her policies and procedures with parents to help provide them with knowledge of her role and responsibilities.
- The childminder seeks the views of parents to help her evaluate and make improvements to her service.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always share detailed information with parents about their children's next steps in learning so they are fully involved and can continue learning at home.
- The childminder has not fully considered how to encourage children to use their home languages in the daily routines and activities. They have few opportunities to value their individual languages and use, see or hear them to further promote their communication and language skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen information sharing with parents so they are more fully aware of their children's next steps in learning and can continue learning at home
- strengthen ways for children to see, hear and use their home languages during activities to value their individual backgrounds more fully and promote their communication and language skills even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection about her practice and the systems she uses for observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector observed the childminder and children taking part in activities in the home.
- The inspector sampled documents that the childminder uses to support her practice, including relevant policies, consent forms, daily registers and children's development records.
- The inspector and childminder jointly observed children at play.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a good knowledge of procedures to follow should she be concerned about a child's welfare. The childminder has a positive attitude to enhancing her skills and practice. She has attended courses, such as 'let's talk with under-fives' to find some new ways to support children's communication and language skills further and visits various childcare websites to keep updated with current practice. The childminder makes observations of children at play and monitors their progress.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder encourages toddler's development successfully through a wide range of activities that stimulate their senses and promote their learning. For instance, they tentatively explore scented spaghetti, shaving foam and Chinese fortune cookies with their hands, dinosaurs and cars. The childminder supports young children's early mathematical development well. For example, she provides objects for children to sort, and match, and teaches them to count from an early age. Children's physical development is promoted well. For instance, young children enjoy practising their newly acquired walking skills and they use a range of equipment to climb and balance on.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are emotionally secure as the childminder is very affectionate. She works closely with parents during the settling-in period to help children settle well. The childminder is very aware of their needs so she can meet them effectively. She is proactive in providing children with meaningful praise, so that they develop good levels of confidence and self-esteem. The childminder works well with the young children. For example, she introduces good manners, such as 'please' and 'thank you', to help them understand acceptable behaviour. She gently reminds them of the need to share, take turns and consider each other's feelings and needs. This helps children to think about their behaviour and develop positive friendships. Young children enjoy healthy meals and snacks that reflect their dietary needs and support their healthy lifestyles. Their independence and self-care skills are promoted well, according to their ages and capabilities. For example, they enjoy finger foods and skilfully use their spoons to eat their yoghurts.

Outcomes for children are good

Young children make good progress in relation to their starting points. Children enjoy accessing the activity kitchen, for example, where they use their imagination and creativity and are clearly motivated to learn. They learn key skills in preparation for their next stage in learning or starting school. For example, they learn social skills when attending a range of playgroups. Children are confident and interested in learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY455748
Local authority	Sutton
Inspection number	928384
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	4
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2013. She lives in the London Borough of Sutton. The childminder operates her service from Monday to Friday, all year round.

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