

Childminder Report

Inspection date

25 April 2016

Previous inspection date

18 March 2011

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 checks his provision precisely and meticulously, and focuses on specific areas for improvement. He shows exemplary craftsmanship as he creates exciting, accessible and safe learning environments for children.
- The childminder is quick to use information gathered from research and training to enhance his policies and procedures to help protect children and keep them well. He is vigilant about checking children's welfare and knows what action to take if he has concerns.
- The childminder works exceptionally well with his wife, who is also a registered childminder. They combine their professional judgement with astute observations and assessments of children's learning. This gives them a valuable insight into how children learn best and how to sustain outstanding levels of progress.
- Parents write glowing reviews of the childminder's setting. For example, a parent states that the childminder and his wife 'always go above and beyond' their own expectations and 'the children love them very much'. Continuity in children's care and learning is evident and children develop a secure base for all future learning.
- The childminder is highly effective in sharing information with other relevant professionals to enhance opportunities for every child to make excellent progress from their unique starting point.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement plans to enrich the already exciting outdoor environment to promote children's large physical movement skills even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed care routines and teaching, and the impact of these on children's safety, welfare and learning.
- The inspector reviewed policies and discussed the procedures relating to children's safety and welfare with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at children's records, the childminder's planning and evaluation of activities, and information exchanged with parents.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day and reviewed written communication from them.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the impact of his training, experience and practice on children's well-being, learning and development.

Inspector

Helen Robinshaw

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an exemplary understanding of how to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. He diligently researches and implements ways to protect children and minimise risks as they go on outings and play at home. For example, he has installed thick rubber matting under the swings and climbing frames. With the children's contributions and approval, he plans improvements in the garden, which include further opportunities for large physical play. The childminder is proactive in strengthening his already highly effective practice through continued professional development to sustain outstanding outcomes for all children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is exceptionally skilled at nurturing children towards higher levels of achievement. He knows precisely what children can do independently and how to challenge their thinking and skills. For example, he expertly manages a group of children of different ages as they share stories together. Children reflect on the story, discuss how characters might feel and predict what they will do next. Together they work out a plan for the characters to solve their dilemma. The childminder works very effectively in partnership with other local early years providers. Children quickly gain confidence and make excellent progress in their learning and preparation for school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder meets children's individual needs exceptionally well. There is an excellent sharing of information with parents about their children's care routines, needs and skills. Children are delightfully relaxed, happy and secure as they play. The childminder helps children to develop excellent social skills and manage their emotions. For example, he very successfully teaches them to understand and follow rules, take turns and become gracious when things are not going as children had hoped. Older children follow the childminder's excellent example and are quick to help younger friends. Toddlers snuggle into siblings and friends as they listen attentively to stories.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children experience life to the full in the childminder's care. They eat a varied and hearty diet, sleep well and play hard. Children make rapid progress in all areas of their learning. They are enthusiastic as they solve problems, make enquiries and experiment with different materials. For example, they are creative and develop excellent control of small pegs, pages and pencils. Children recognise numbers and shapes and begin to understand ideas and measurements related to quantity, capacity and weight. Children's mathematical knowledge develops further through activities such as matching colours and counting spaces as they play a new board game.

Setting details

Unique reference number	120395
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	825242
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	10
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	18 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1995. His wife is also a childminder and his daughter is registered as an assistant childminder. They live in Jacobswell, near Guildford, Surrey. The childminder provides care from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round except for bank holidays and family holidays. He occasionally provides care for children overnight and at weekends. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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