Childminder Report



Inspection date	27 April 2016
Previous inspection date	7 October 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	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 keeps meticulous records and documentation. She robustly risk assesses her indoor and outdoor play areas to help minimise all hazards to children.
- Children thrive in this warm, vibrant and welcoming environment. Their behaviour is excellent and they gain an exceptional understanding of their local community, as well as the differences and similarities of other cultures and backgrounds.
- Children's emotional well-being is excellent. They have extremely close relationships with the childminder. Children are confident, independent and understand how to share, take turns and respect each other's feelings and ideas.
- The childminder astutely draws on her expertise and keeps up to date, for example, through research and information sharing with other providers. Children enjoy a very wide variety of learning experiences and are fully engaged, stimulated and motivated in their learning.
- Parents speak very highly of the childminder's care. They welcome her excellent feedback about their children's routines, activities and achievements, including daily discussions and opportunities to read their children's comprehensive diary.
- The childminder is extremely passionate about her role. She is highly motivated and evaluates her practice continually. She identifies areas for improvement and this helps her to provide extremely high-quality outcomes for children's care and learning.

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What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

continue to extend the already excellent opportunities to strengthen children's physical skills even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector observed interactions between the childminder and the children while they were playing.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including records relating to children, safeguarding procedures and feedback from parents.
- The inspector talked with the childminder and the children.
- The inspector sampled parents' letters to gain their views about the childminding provision.

Inspector

Nadia Mahabir

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder is extremely clear about the procedures to follow if she has concerns about the welfare of a child and she updates her safeguarding knowledge regularly. The childminder makes the most of every opportunity to strengthen her knowledge and skills even further. For example, she attends the latest training courses, while being an excellent role model for other local childminders. She rigorously evaluates her practice and makes extremely well-targeted improvements. For example, the childminder has introduced innovative home-made resources to help strengthen children's understanding of letters and sounds and matching and comparing even further. The childminder has an excellent understanding of the importance of working in extremely close partnership with other professionals and settings children attend.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is highly skilled at teaching, and children make excellent progress with their learning. She makes use of excellent observations and assessments to monitor children's progress and plan challenging activities to help them make rapid progress. Children are extremely well motivated to try new challenges and thoroughly enjoy learning. The childminder provides excellent play experiences and uses children's interests extremely well to extend their learning even further. For example, children were intrigued by interesting dinosaur figures and particularly enjoyed constructing dinosaur habitats and taking part in bug searches in the garden. Young children very eagerly described the size, shape and colour of the figures and the sounds made when the dinosaurs 'stamped' in the soil. Later, children included the same figures in their lively imaginative play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder forms outstanding relationships with children. They settle very quickly and choose an activity that fully engages them. Children behave extremely well. The childminder consistently explains what is happening next and children soon get to know routines and what is expected of them. Children have excellent levels of positive self-esteem. For example, they talked excitedly about the pictures they drew and the models they made, showing great pride in their accomplishments. The childminder frequently teaches children to explore and appreciate nature. However, she recognises the need to strengthen further the already excellent array of physical opportunities for children, particularly for those who prefer to learn outside.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children engage extremely well in their play and learning. They experiment, create and play with exceptional imagination and enthusiasm. They continually engage in highly stimulating activities which help them develop the skills they will need for the future.

Setting details

Unique reference number EY363107

Local authority Kingston upon Thames

Inspection number 835497

Type of provision Childminder

Day care type Childminder

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 0 - 6

Total number of places 6

Number of children on roll 4

Name of provider

Date of previous inspection 7 October 2010

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 2007 and lives with her family in New Malden, in the London Borough of Kingston. The childminder provides care from Monday to Friday, throughout most of the year.

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