Childminder Report



Inspection date	17 May 2016
Previous inspection date	10 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 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 is well qualified and dedicated to her role. She implements an excellent observation system to monitor children's learning and uses her precise assessments to plan for the next steps in each child's development. All children make exceptional progress.
- Partnerships with parents are exceptional. Parents are fully involved in their children's learning at all levels and are very well informed about children's progress using a variety of successful strategies.
- The childminder is a very kind, calm and caring person, who effectively enables children to form a close bond and a secure attachment to her. This provides a strong foundation for children to be emotionally safe and secure.
- Children's behaviour is exceptional and they are highly motivated and eager to join in with all the exciting activities that the childminder offers.
- The childminder is exceptionally well organised. She demonstrates a very strong awareness of the importance of keeping up to date with requirements and has a wide a range of comprehensive policies to support her outstanding practice.

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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:

 extend professional development opportunities to enhance the already high quality teaching practices, to help continually improve on the excellent outcomes for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder and the children and spoke with the childminder about children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, at appropriate times throughout the inspection, regarding her practice and the arrangements for observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector checked the documentation that the childminder uses to support her practices.
- The inspector discussed and read the self-evaluation document.

Inspector

Jennifer Devine

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent understanding of her role and responsibility in keeping children safe, including the procedures for reporting any concerns about children's welfare. She carries out detailed safety checks for her home and garden, and she teaches children effectively about how to manage their own safety. For example, she talks to children about handling cutlery safely when they help to cut their fruit at snack time. The childminder continues to evaluate her practice highly effectively to maintain her outstanding provision. She uses every available opportunity to make ongoing improvements. For example, she attends mentoring groups to discuss practice and exchanges ideas with other childminders to help with improvements. The childminder is very keen to extend the programme for her own professional development to maintain the excellent level of her practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder has an excellent understanding of how children learn. Her extremely close attention to monitoring and assessing children's learning helps her to plan effectively for their learning needs. She provides an extremely well-planned day, which incorporates a wealth of indoor and outdoor experiences to capture the children's desire to learn. For example, children eagerly take part in a planting activity and the childminder uses every opportunity to support children's communication and language development. The childminder promotes children's creativity and imagination. For example, they enjoy playing in the home corner and are highly curious as they investigate how the microwave works.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder gives the highest priority to children's health and well-being. She shows great warmth and kindness. The childminder fully recognises each child's emotional needs and supports them to feel safe when they feel anxious. Children happily approach her for cuddles and reassurance throughout the day. The childminder enables children to learn about healthy eating exceptionally well. For example, they visit the childminder's allotment and grow their own vegetables. Children also enjoy a wide variety of outdoor learning experiences, which helps to promote their physical well-being very effectively.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are exceptionally well prepared for their next stage of learning and for their move to school. Children flourish in the childminder's home. They show a strong exploratory interest. For example, they thoroughly enjoy the sensory experience of the different textures of cereals. They gain an excellent awareness of mathematical concepts, such as counting and learning about heavy and light as they weigh the cereals.

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Setting details

Unique reference number 121092

Local authority Surrey

Inspection number 825261

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 2

Name of registered person

Date of previous inspection 10 March 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 1994. She lives in Englefield Green, in Egham, Surrey. The childminder is available to work Monday to Thursday from 8am to 5pm, all year round, except for banks holidays or family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification.

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