

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 June 2016

Previous inspection date

20 May 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 has very clear and consistent boundaries in place which promote children's understanding very effectively. They behave exceptionally well and she builds children's self-esteem highly successfully.
- The childminder's regular attendance at forums and courses enhances her already excellent knowledge. She provides excellent-quality care and learning. For example, she assesses children's needs closely to ensure they make excellent progress.
- Outstanding teaching helps the childminder identify what activities to plan and carry out to extend further the significant progress children make.
- The childminder gathers parents' views regularly. She uses these exceptionally well to continually improve her excellent practice. For example, by including children's interests from home to enhance her excellent planning of activities.
- Leadership and management of the provision have improved significantly, along with the quality of the provision. The childminder carries out regular review meetings with her assistant. These reviews are of high quality and are to identify strong practice and any minor areas to work on.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen children's awareness of information technology and how things work to extend their learning further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children in the main play areas and garden.
- The Inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documents, including policies, procedures and children's files.

Inspector

Rebecca Hurst

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent understanding of child protection procedures. She fully understands what procedures to follow if she has any concerns over children's welfare. She carries out highly detailed risk assessments, which help greatly for children to play in an extremely safe learning environment. The childminder works very closely in partnership with the local early years team to maintain high levels of care. They work extremely well to maintain the childminder's excellent practice and progress made since the last inspection. For example, how the childminder works on her already excellent behaviour management skills. The childminder also has excellent partnerships with parents and other professionals caring for the children. These help to provide excellent continuity of care and to ensure their excellent learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides extremely high-quality teaching, helping to enable children to make significant progress with their learning and development. She checks children's development and identifies and addresses any gaps in their understanding very quickly. The childminder has an excellent understanding of children's individual needs. This helps her to plan exceptionally high-quality activities promoting their learning and development extremely well. For example, changing water play activities around so children can learn how to care for plants. However, the childminder recognises that activities based around information technology are slightly less evident.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children have a very strong bond with the childminder. This helps to settle them in very quickly and be ready to start their excellent learning experiences. Children thoroughly enjoy their extremely healthy snacks and meals. High-quality teaching helps them to learn about healthy lifestyles. For example, children wash and prepare their own fruit. The childminder encourages children exceptionally well to try it and to count the slices they have cut. The children are very clear in knowing how to keep themselves and others safe when using the climbing frame. For example, they are fully aware that they need to wait for their friends to come off the slide before they go down.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress, given what they know when they start. They have high levels of independence skills. Children talk very confidently, for example, in great detail about different body parts as they draw their own bodies. They learn where different body parts are and what they call them. Children learn early reading, writing and number skills exceptionally well. They are more than ready for their next step in learning and subsequent move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY398463
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	1049231
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	20 May 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in Thornton Heath, Surrey. The childminder works five days a week, all year round. She has a relevant paediatric first-aid qualification.

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