Childminder Report



Inspection date	10 June 2016
Previous inspection date	29 November 2011

	The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
	early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 conducts thorough assessments of children's skills. She plans activities based on her secure knowledge of their needs and interests. Children learn with interest and make good progress.
- The childminder promotes all areas of learning well. For example, children benefit from the childminder's skilful teaching of new vocabulary and speedily develop their language.
- Children enjoy being active. For example, they regularly visit parks and enjoy daily outdoor play, where they benefit from plenty of physical activities.
- The childminder promotes good behaviour. She is a good role model and helps children develop social skills, such as how to share equipment and use their good manners. All children behave well.
- Partnerships with parents are good. Parents regularly share their ideas with the childminder, which she effectively uses to enhance the services she provides for children. She reflects on her practice regularly to improve her role further.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, the childminder does not use all opportunities to encourage children to explore simple mathematical ideas.
- The childminder misses opportunities to extend children's awareness of technology, to help them explore fully and learn how things work.

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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 opportunities for children to explore and learn about technology, to promote further their understanding of the world
- use every opportunity to extend children's early awareness of mathematics, to strengthen their skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector undertook a tour of the home and the garden.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation that the childminder completes for children, including records relating to the management of her provision.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the quality of the interaction between the childminder and the children.

Inspector

Anahita Aderianwalla

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder takes all measures to reduce any risks for children. For example, she assesses her provision and closely supervises children during play and on outings, to ensure their safety. The childminder participates in child protection training. She closely monitors children's well-being and knows the steps to take should any welfare concerns arise. The childminder successfully promotes her professional development and evaluates her practice. She seeks further training as part of developing her already good teaching skills. The childminder makes links with other professionals to promote children's learning and development. Children benefit from good, continuous support.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder provides a variety of experiences to strengthen children's learning and expand on their interests. For example, children enjoy creating pictures as they dip vegetables in paint, while learning the names of foods, such as 'okra'. The childminder provides children with well-resourced play areas, and a good balance of planned and spontaneous play. For example, children independently access books and props, to act out stories and nursery rhymes. The childminder regularly shares children's assessments with parents and values their input. Children benefit from the childminder's secure teaching practice to enable them to develop the necessary skills for the future.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder is attentive towards children and listens to them with great interest. Children are comfortable, settle swiftly and form strong bonds. The childminder actively engages parents in meeting children's care and emotional needs. She celebrates children's achievements and efforts with praise, effectively boosting their confidence. The childminder teaches children to keep safe. For example, she regularly practises fire drills, so they know what to do in the event of an emergency. The childminder provides healthy balanced meals and teaches children to manage their own hygiene. Children learn about other cultures and develop their social skills well. For example, they enjoy visits to local groups and participate in community events, where they learn to mix with others.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are settled and they play happily. They make good progress and gain a range of necessary skills in preparation for school. For example, children are learning to share experiences, be enthusiastic learners and talk confidently with their friends and adults.

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Setting details

Unique reference number 137446

Local authority Brent

Inspection number 836504

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 5

Number of children on roll 5

Name of registered person

Date of previous inspection 29 November 2011

Telephone number

The childminder registered in 1992. She is located in Cricklewood, in the London Borough of Brent. She provides care from 8am to 6pm and operates her service all year round, apart from some family holidays.

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