

Childminder Report

Inspection date

17 November 2016

Previous inspection date

1 October 2012

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 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 provides an extremely stimulating learning environment for children, where they choose the activities that they want to try. The childminder skilfully teaches according to their next steps in learning, weaving these into whatever activity the child has chosen.
- Children form very close bonds with the childminder. She promotes children's personal and social skills to a very high standard. Children are extremely polite and act caringly towards others.
- Relationships with parents are exemplary. The childminder values their substantial contributions to the planning process and she supports parents extremely well in extending children's learning at home.
- The extremely knowledgeable, well qualified and dedicated childminder and her very able assistant plan rich, imaginative experiences for children, both indoors and outdoors. As a result, children are highly motivated and eager to explore and maintain their focus during activities over a sustained period of time.
- Children's learning and development are meticulously monitored through individual learning records. These are remarkably detailed and used to plan precise next steps in learning for each child. The childminder uses very effective systems to track children's progress and is excellent at targeting any gaps in their development.
- The childminder works extremely well with other professionals, including other early years settings children attend, to share information. This ensures excellent planning for children's future progress.
- Children learn and play in an extremely safe and caring environment. Resources are attractive, colourful and stimulating. Children learn to make decisions, select their own toys and develop their own games and ideas.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make the most of professional development opportunities to further enhance the excellent teaching to support children to continue to achieve their full potential.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises and viewed resources with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation and evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, her assistant and the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and other documentation, including risk assessments and policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's and her assistant's training and suitability and discussed her plans for improvement.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and the written views of parents.

Inspector

Jane Rushby

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder and her assistant have an excellent understanding of safeguarding procedures and child protection issues. She works exceptionally well with her assistant to create an environment where children feel safe and highly valued. The childminder is highly effective at evaluating her practice and that of her assistant, and its impact on the children. Standards of care, teaching and learning remain exceptionally high due to her meticulous methods. The childminder expresses a strong desire to embrace additional professional development opportunities to help her maintain exceptional standards of care and education. She is forward thinking and inspirational. She regularly researches new initiatives and ideas to further develop her knowledge. This has an extremely positive impact on children's learning. Parents comment on the excellent quality of the provision, the wealth of activities and the fact that their children are extremely happy in her care.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children are highly engaged in activities and motivated to learn. They get enormous pleasure from sharing books. Children show high levels of concentration and thoroughly delight in examining the pictures as well as enjoying the spoken words of the story. The childminder provides parents with activities to undertake, which fully encourages all parents to support children's learning at home. She provides plenty of opportunities for children to hear and use speech, and the quality of her interaction is excellent. The childminder routinely gets down to the children's level when speaking and regularly engages them in meaningful conversations. Children have fun exploring with paint, wooden blocks and animals. They create patterns and are proud of their achievements. The childminder takes children into the countryside, where they make dens and explore the natural world. She recognises that she can extend these experiences to create even more exciting challenges for children outdoors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder knows the children and their families very well and provides a highly nurturing environment in her home. Children's behaviour is exemplary. This is because the childminder and her assistant are positive role models. They encourage lots of sharing, turn taking and decision making. This promotes a harmonious environment where children play well together. The childminder provides children with a superb range of nutritious meals. She skilfully teaches children to understand the importance of a healthy diet. Extremely good use is made of the local area to provide exciting experiences. Children enjoy regular outings to parks, woods and the nature reserve. The childminder maintains the highest standards of safety and hygiene. She implements thorough risk assessments to help her to provide a safe environment.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are making rapid progress in their learning. They are exceeding milestones that are typical for their age. Children's excellent concentration during activities and their very good listening, independence and social skills support them extremely well for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY444347
Local authority	Barnsley
Inspection number	1060094
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 7
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	10
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	1 October 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2012 and lives in Ingbirchworth, Sheffield. The childminder works with an assistant. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

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