

Childminder Report

Inspection date	9 January 2017
Previous inspection date	3 December 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 has an excellent understanding of how children learn. She knows the children in her care exceptionally well. She closely observes children's development and monitors their progress highly effectively.
- The childminder provides an excellent and stimulating range of resources and activities that successfully captures children's interests.
- The childminder astutely evaluates the service she provides and gains parents' and children's views as part of her self-evaluation. She makes extremely positive changes to raise the quality of teaching and the provision to the highest possible level to benefit children.
- The childminder has high expectations and is very consistent in helping children to manage their feelings and recognise the needs of others. Children behave extremely well.
- Children are highly motivated and eager to take part in the exciting activities planned for them. They embrace new challenges with confidence and take pleasure in their interactions with others. They demonstrate a positive 'can do' attitude towards everything they do.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to enhance partnerships with parents, encouraging them to maintain their full involvement in the assessment process and in their children's learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of household members.
- The inspector viewed areas of the childminder's home that are used for childminding.

Inspector

Julie Preston

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder's excellent understanding of how to safeguard children is reflected throughout her practice. She puts children's safety at the heart of everything she does. Extensive and meticulous policies and procedures are shared with parents and are consistently reviewed to reflect changes in guidance. The childminder pays excellent attention to evolving the overall quality of her practice and continually strives for excellence. For example, she has committed to attend a level 3 childcare qualification as part of her ongoing professional development. Highly effective processes are in place to share information and work closely with parents and other professionals, such as the local authority adviser and other settings children attend. However, the childminder recognises the need to continue to enhance parental involvement in children's learning and in the assessment process, in order to help her maintain the excellent standards she has already achieved.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder uses precise assessments of children's development to provide an enticing range of activities for the children which is skilfully adapted and takes account of their individual needs and interests. Children enthusiastically engage in an extensive range of exciting activities that continually builds on what they already know. Children's literacy skills are extremely well supported. They thoroughly enjoy sharing books with the childminder. They cuddle up together on the sofa and chat excitedly about what is happening in the book. The childminder expertly entices them to share their opinions and ideas about the story. Children demonstrate excellent mathematical skills. Children match numbers to objects as they count buttons to put onto their snowmen pictures. The environment they play in has a wealth of opportunities to extend their knowledge and provide numerous learning opportunities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are cared for in a very welcoming and vibrant environment, both inside and outdoors. They are very well settled and demonstrate that they have strong relationships with the childminder and other children who attend. Children play together exceptionally well and show kindness towards each other. The childminder consistently praises children's efforts and achievements, so that children develop high levels of self-esteem. Children learn about healthy lifestyles and how to keep safe. They have regular opportunities to be physically active. For example, they enjoy spending time in the vibrant garden and engaging in discussions about how to stay safe on walks to school.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those in receipt of funding, make rapid progress in their learning. They are extremely well prepared for the next stage in their learning and eventual move on to school. Children are provided with extensive opportunities to manage their own care needs and to develop their independence skills. For example, children enthusiastically arrive for the start of their day, hang their coats on their peg and complete their own registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY446832
Local authority	Sandwell
Inspection number	1060218
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	3 December 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2012 and lives in Oldbury, West Midlands. She operates her provision all year round from 6.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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