

Childminder Report

Inspection date

18 January 2017

Previous inspection date

11 September 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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder consistently reviews her practice closely. All identified improvements are highly focused on raising the quality of children's care and teaching.
- The childminder is very experienced and well qualified. Rigorous and well-crafted professional development plans ensure she stays up to date with good practice. She has an excellent knowledge and understanding of children's needs.
- The health, safety and well-being of the children are central to everything the childminder does. She expertly supports children's well-being at every opportunity.
- Children love spending time with the childminder and they thoroughly enjoy themselves. Children are highly independent and initiate their own ideas to extend their learning. The childminder provides an extremely cosy, safe and stimulating environment in which children play confidently.
- The childminder uses verbal, written and electronic communication to keep parents very well informed about all aspects of their children's learning. She has formed strong links with other professionals and teachers at the local school and provides a highly effective link between parents and school.
- The childminder is an exemplary role model for children. They are kind and respectful.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance children's learning experiences where possible, particularly for those who prefer to play outside.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in activities.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a range of records, including children's details, learning records, and the childminder's written policies and other relevant documents.
- The inspector looked at the areas of the home used for childminding purposes.
- The inspector read written testimonials from parents.

Inspector

Claire Nunn

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a very strong ability to recognise when a child may be at risk of harm or neglect and remains vigilant to recognise any child protection issues. The childminder thoroughly reviews her practice whenever she receives new information or guidance. She seeks information from a wide variety of sources such as websites, written publications and the local authority. This helps to ensure the childminder is always up to date with current legislation and changes in good practice. As part of her ongoing plans for continuous improvement, the childminder has identified ways to enhance the outdoor area even further; for example, she plans to incorporate a woodwork area.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides highly interesting activities that engage children in play. For example, she invited children to go on an 'artic adventure' with her. She provided the children with a sleigh as they found all the artic toy animals hidden around the garden. The childminder helps to develop children's experiences well. For example, she encouraged the children to describe the animals they collected so that they could cross them off their list. The childminder expertly extends children's thinking skills as she plays alongside them. For example, she asks questions which challenge them to solve problems as they play. The childminder has excellent links with the local school and regularly shares information between the teachers and parents. The childminder teaches children about different cultures and people in the world. Children learn to value and respect others highly, and they celebrate a wide range of events during the year.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is caring and sensitive to the needs of all children. Children build secure emotional attachments with the childminder. They are confident to seek out help and reassurance when needed. The childminder supports children's physical health and well-being effectively. For example, children enjoy daily opportunities to be active and play outdoors. The childminder uses everyday routines to help children understand her behaviour expectations and to feel safe and secure. Children manage small tasks independently, such as washing their hands, taking off their coats and shoes and putting them away without prompting. The childminder provides a very homely environment where children are extremely happy and excited to play. The childminder carries out thorough risk assessments to check the suitability of the environment and equipment. This helps to ensure that potential hazards to children are minimised.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY441160
Local authority	Havering
Inspection number	1059114
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	11 September 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2012. She lives in Hornchurch. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is open all day from Monday to Friday for most of the year.

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