

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 April 2017

Previous inspection date

24 February 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	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 develops strong partnerships with parents and other professionals to help ensure continuity in children's care and learning.
- The childminder continually evaluates his provision and practice to help improve his service. He gathers regular feedback from parents and has addressed the weaknesses identified at his last inspection.
- The childminder has a good understanding of children's interests. He assesses what children can do and plans well with parents for the next stages of their development to help improve outcomes for children.
- The childminder provides a good range of resources to help encourage children's learning. All children make good progress from their starting points.
- The childminder provides regular outings for children to enjoy. They have opportunities to be active and develop good physical skills and lifestyles. Children learn about their local community and socialise well with others. Their behaviour is good.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, the childminder does not give children the time they need to respond to questions and allow them to express their thoughts.
- The childminder does not consistently provide opportunities for children to enjoy exploratory play that enhances their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance teaching that helps give children more time to think, express their ideas and develop their speaking skills even more
- extend opportunities for children to enjoy different exploratory experiences that encourage their learning and development even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder's teaching and the interactions with the children during activities.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times.
- The inspector and the childminder observed children while they played, and discussed how the childminder supports their learning needs.
- The inspector looked at a sample of relevant documentation, including required records for children, self-evaluation evidence, the policies and procedures shared with parents, and parents' written feedback.
- The inspector looked at areas of the home used for childminding and some of the play materials and equipment.

Inspector

Marvet Gayle

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder explores regular professional development opportunities to help him reflect on his practice. He makes good use of what he learns to help improve outcomes for children. The childminder demonstrates a good capacity for continuous improvement. He monitors children's learning regularly and plans effective next steps for their development to help them progress well. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a good knowledge of the signs and symptoms that would cause concern about a child's welfare and he knows the steps to take to help prioritise children's safety. Parents' written feedback shows that they are very satisfied with the level of service and care provided.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder uses his knowledge of children well to help them learn. He supports children's understanding and listening skills effectively, overall. For example, he explains to children what is happening and gives simple instructions as they play, which children carry out effectively. The childminder plans the environment well. Children move about easily and are independent. For instance, older children make choices in their play and younger children easily pull themselves up with support and move about freely. The childminder, generally, provides opportunities for children to enjoy imaginative play. For example, they use another toy as a telephone to make calls.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder supervises children well and minimises possible risks to their safety. For example, he completes regular safety checks and helps children understand how to keep safe in different situations. The childminder gathers appropriate information from parents to help children settle easily into his care. He nurtures children's emotional well-being effectively, helps them to feel safe and secure in his care and forms positive relationships. For example, children freely give cuddles and make sure that they can see the childminder when he moves away. The childminder provides children with many opportunities to encourage their self-motivation and enjoy their learning. The childminder meets children's care needs well. He encourages children to develop healthy eating habits and to follow good hygiene practices.

Outcomes for children are good

Children settle quickly and are relaxed, happy and comfortable in the environment. Children develop early writing skills well. For example, they use tools to make marks. Children learn to be helpful, to share, take turns and respect each other's similarities and differences. Children develop their counting skills well. They are well prepared for the next stage of learning, including starting nursery or school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY436823
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	1095153
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 3
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	3
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	24 February 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Clapham South, in the London Borough of Wandsworth. He operates from Monday to Friday, 7.30am until 6pm, all year round.

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