

Childminder Report

Inspection date	18 May 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 is highly effective at using her observations and assessments to monitor children's progress and identify their next steps in learning. She uses what she knows about each child's learning to plan experiences that challenge and inspire them in their learning. Children make rapid progress from their starting points.
- The highly qualified childminder has an excellent commitment to enhancing her knowledge. She continues to build upon her strengths and improve the outcomes for children further.
- Children's behaviour is exemplary. The childminder is a very positive role model for children. She offers plenty of praise and encouragement. Children are extremely happy and settle quickly in her care.
- The childminder uses a range of challenging questions very effectively to encourage children to think about different possibilities. This helps to develop their thinking, communication and problem-solving skills.
- The childminder has excellent relationships with parents. She involves them exceptionally well in their children's learning and keeps them fully informed about their progress.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop innovative and exciting opportunities for children to build on their imaginations.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector engaged with the children during the inspection.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the children during their indoor and outdoor play activities as well as their snack routine.
- The inspector sampled various documents.

Inspector

Becky Phillips

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to keep children safe and the procedures to follow should she have a concern about a child's well-being. The childminder evaluates her practice exceptionally well and she takes into account the views of parents and children. She identifies priorities to develop her provision further. For example, she recognises the benefits of outdoor play and has recently developed this area of the provision to offer children more opportunities to explore and investigate. Parents comment on the highly positive effect that the childminder has on their children's early development. They agree that she 'provides an exceptional level of care'.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder follows children's interests excellently. She expertly engages them in high-quality interactions and very skilfully extends their learning. For example, children explore giant animal cut-outs, match animals to their noises and use maps to see where animals live. The childminder puts great thought into providing experiences that capture children's imaginations. However, she recognises that there are opportunities to enhance children's imaginative play further to maintain their excellent progress. Children have excellent opportunities to use a wide variety of materials and tools. For example, young children confidently use scissors. They use a range of writing tools to begin to form recognisable letters. The childminder uses extremely effective methods to promote children's communication skills. She provides children with visual timetables and she learns words in children's home languages to help build on their understanding.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder takes exceptional care of children's well-being. Children share a very close relationships with the childminder, who provides an exceptionally caring and nurturing home-from-home experience. The childminder's practice is inclusive and she supports children to learn about positive values and attitudes. Children are extremely independent at mealtimes and are highly motivated to do things for themselves during personal care routines. Children learn how to keep themselves safe. They are confident to take risks appropriate for their age and regularly discuss safety around the home and outside. For example, they talk about what phone number to call in an emergency.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children have a thirst for learning and are keen to try new things. They develop excellent communication and language skills and explain themselves accurately using newly acquired vocabulary. Young children show skills in solving simple mathematical problems. For example, they match amounts of objects to the correct numeral, confidently using a number line to help them. Children make excellent progress and are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY483767
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	999902
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2014. She lives in Walton-on-Thames in Surrey. The childminder offers care Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm, all year round, except for family holidays and bank holidays.

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