

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 May 2017

Previous inspection date

2 March 2015

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 a wide, enriching and interesting variety of activities based very successfully on all areas of learning. She has expert knowledge of children's progress, and observes children thoroughly and frequently to form very clear and precise goals for their development. Children make excellent progress.
- Children have excellent early mathematical skills. They count very confidently beyond 10, can sort and group objects, and use mathematical language correctly to describe size and weight.
- The childminder places very high importance on working successfully with parents. She provides excellent ways for them to support their children's learning and to keep updated on children's progress.
- The childminder has astute awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of her practice, and has set highly relevant goals to build ongoing improvement.
- The childminder manages children's behaviour expertly. For instance, she uses different and very successful approaches related to children's developmental stages, such as distraction techniques for babies, and explanation and praise to motivate positive behaviour in older children.

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 the already excellent outdoor provision, to offer a wider range of activities covering different areas of learning for those who learn best outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the premises with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the childminder and children, and spoke with children when appropriate.
- The inspector observed an activity and discussed children's progress with the childminder.
- The inspector checked some documentation and held a discussion with the childminder.

Inspector

Jennifer Beckles

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder works very successfully to close any growing gaps in children's learning. She keeps a close and thorough check on children's progress. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder is highly confident and knowledgeable about the process to follow should she be concerned about a child in her care. She has a robust approach to keeping children safe. For instance, she thoroughly checks all areas of her home and resources to help prevent accidents. The childminder is extremely committed to her professional development and has attended a very broad range of courses. For example, she attended a course about bullying of children, and this led to greater awareness and better ways to handle such situations.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides excellent support to children's communication and language skills. For instance, during a fruit preparation activity, the childminder asks children to describe the texture, colour and taste of the fruit, and extends their vocabulary by teaching them new words. The childminder makes excellent, timely interventions as children play to support their learning very successfully. The outdoor area provides superb physical challenges for children as they balance confidently, climb securely and develop excellent physical coordination skills, for example, as they throw and catch balls. The childminder recognises that there are even more ways to make the outdoor area an exciting learning opportunity covering different areas of learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder has very nurturing, caring bonds with children. For instance, they are so happy in her care that children tell the childminder that they love her. She takes great care to find out very detailed information on children's skills, interests and home care routines when they first arrive, and uses this expertly to ensure children settle very successfully. Children have an excellent understanding of how to keep themselves safe. For instance, they handle knives used to chop fruit very carefully and have excellent road safety awareness. Children are very independent. They prepare their own fruit snacks and can put on their outer clothing. Children have high respect for themselves and others from different backgrounds. For instance, the childminder uses her excellent resources and knowledge of different world festivals to teach children about other cultures.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make exceptional progress in their learning. They are exceptionally motivated to learn and extremely confident. They concentrate very well on tasks and explore their environment with keenness and curiosity. Children are very confident users of technology. They learn extremely useful skills for their future learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	1094693
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	2 March 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011. She lives in West Wickham in the London Borough of Bromley. The childminder provides care for children on each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm, all year round, except on public bank holidays.

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