

Childminder Report

Inspection date

5 June 2017

Previous inspection date

17 January 2014

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 works exceptionally well to help children to build extremely strong bonds with her. She shows children the utmost respect at all times. She is highly attentive and gives them the affection and support they need, helping them to thrive. Children are exceedingly happy, confident and ready to learn. They develop exceptionally high self-esteem.
- Partnerships with parents are superb. The childminder works extremely closely with parents and keeps them completely informed of their children's development. She fully includes them in their children's assessment and offers excellent ideas and strategies they can use at home to extend learning even further.
- The childminder is an inspirational teacher and children make excellent progress from their starting points in learning. She consistently extends and challenges children's learning to the highest levels and provides an exceptionally stimulating environment, indoors and outdoors.
- The very ambitious childminder follows the highest standards of care and learning. She regularly undertakes further qualifications and training to build on her excellent practice. For example, after recent training about outdoor learning, she joined a 'forest school' childminding group. Children regularly explore and investigate nature with great interest and enthusiasm in nearby woodlands.

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 an even greater understanding of the different styles of children's learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and the childminder playing together.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, including safeguarding policies and procedures, and children's records.
- The inspector and the childminder discussed the play activities and children's learning during the inspection and undertook a joint observation of children's play.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector sampled written feedback from parents about the childminder's service and discussed with the childminder how she evaluates her provision to bring about improvements.

Inspector

Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The highly inspirational childminder has worked tirelessly to raise the quality of her provision to an outstanding level. She gives self-evaluation top priority. For example, she has recently introduced a new online system to assess children's development. The childminder now meticulously checks children's learning and plans precise next steps to help encourage their best outcomes. The childminder has built a hugely supportive network of other childminders and continuously shares new ideas to help inspire children in their learning. She precisely identifies areas to improve even further, such as developing an even greater understanding of the different styles of children's learning. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent up-to-date knowledge of how to protect children and vigilantly follows her extremely detailed policies and procedures.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder makes expert use of her rigorous assessments to help plan an exceptionally challenging learning environment. Children excitedly join in with her extremely interactive 'story time'. For example, older children skilfully count along with stories in Spanish and younger children thoroughly enjoy using resources to act out the scenes. The childminder supports children's understanding of the world around them extremely well. For example, children excitedly explore toys reflecting different life cycles and learn the meaning of new words, such as 'chrysalis', as they play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children behave exceptionally well. The childminder is an exemplary role model and consistently encourages children to listen to and respect each other. For example, older children delight in helping to care for younger ones and enthusiastically help them to find their own named place mat. Children have an excellent understanding of the importance of healthy lifestyles. For instance, they enthusiastically prepare their own healthy snack from a very young age and confidently discuss fruit giving them 'energy' and helping to build their 'strong bodies'. Children thoroughly enjoy inspiring opportunities for outdoor play and exercise, such as in the exceptionally well-resourced garden.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children are exceptionally confident and motivated learners. They delight in working things out for themselves. For example, young children excitedly explore mixing colours in water and test out their ideas. Children of all ages communicate extremely well. They enthusiastically share their views and express themselves confidently. Older children write their name and other words with exceptional skill and younger children begin to recognise the letters of their name. All children gain excellent skills that prepare them extremely well for the next stage in their learning and for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY463481
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	1069350
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	17 January 2014
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2013. She lives in Littlehampton, West Sussex. The childminder has a childcare qualification at level 3 and provides care for children between 7am and 6pm each weekday, all year.

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