Childminder Report



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The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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

- Children enjoy a good range of stimulating and exciting learning experiences, indoors and outdoors, that supports their development effectively.
- The childminder knows children well. She continually assesses their progress and, overall, uses this to plan activities to help children move on to the next steps in their learning. Children make good progress.
- There are effective partnerships between the childminder and parents. There is a regular two-way exchange of information that helps provide continuity for children's care and learning.
- Children behave well. The childminder helps children to learn to share and take turns with the toys and resources, and to value and respect the needs of others.
- Children enjoy a wide range of activities that promotes their physical development well.
- The childminder has a positive attitude to the continual development of her provision. She evaluates what works well, and what she can develop further, to help her improve outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, the childminder does not take full advantage of opportunities to further support the children's mathematical development.
- Some planned activities are quite adult led, reducing opportunities for children to develop their own creativity.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make the most of the opportunities to develop children's understanding of shape, size and measurement to extend their mathematical knowledge
- extend the chances for all children to express their personal creative ideas.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and interaction between the childminder and the children, and reviewed the play equipment and resources.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection, including discussing the impact of teaching after viewing activities.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used for childminding and talked to the children at appropriate times.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including a sample of children's records.
- The inspector discussed how the childminder evaluates her provision.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder understands her role and responsibilities in keeping children safe and the procedures to follow if she has a concern about a child's welfare. She reviews risks in the environment regularly to make sure that children can move around freely and safely. The childminder is committed to providing good-quality provision for children. For example, she links with relevant professionals to get guidance on specific ways she can build on children's speech so that all children receive the support they need. The childminder keeps a close check on how well children are doing in their learning and shares this with parents. The parents report positively about the service the childminder offers.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder plans enjoyable and stimulating play activities that keep children occupied and engaged. For example, children have fun exploring the texture of the sand, water and a 'gloopy' substance. As the children prod and push the materials the childminder is nearby to offer support and makes good use of opportunities to repeat the children's language and model new words. For example, children use language, such as 'slimly' and 'squishing', which helps to build on their vocabulary. Children enjoy taking part in music and movement activities. They have fun and giggle with excitement as they join in the actions of the familiar rhymes, asking the childminder to repeat it again and again.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder's home is safe and welcoming. Children have positive relationships with the childminder and are happy and settled. They play together cooperatively. The childminder's praise and encouragement helps to boost their self-esteem and confidence. The childminder makes good use of her garden and nearby local facilities to ensure that children have opportunities to be active and get plenty of fresh air. Children develop an understanding of how to stay safe and healthy. For example, the childminder reminds them to wash their hands before eating and gives them plenty of drinks in the day.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are confident, keen to learn and well prepared for the next stage in their learning and moving on to school. They develop good social skills, communicate well with one another and become increasingly independent. For example, children persist to put their shoes on by themselves when going to play outdoors. They show perseverance as they transport water from one area to another to fill up the different containers. They make good use of the brushes the childminder provides to make marks on the fence, for example, to help develop their early writing skills.

Setting details

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Local authority	Dorset
Inspection number	1017687
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	4
Number of children on roll	4
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2015. She lives in Poole, Dorset. The childminder works each weekday throughout the year.

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