Childminder Report



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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 takes time to get to know the children so they feel safe and emotionally secure in a welcoming environment. Children form close attachments with the caring childminder.
- Children's physical development is promoted well. The childminder provides opportunities for them to enjoy fresh air and exercise on a daily basis. She organises regular outdoors activities, such as visits to the local park.
- The childminder provides good support for children's transitions and changes to their routine. Children enjoy regular opportunities to attend stay-and-play sessions at a childminder group where they socialise with their peers.
- The childminder ensures parents are kept very well informed about every aspect of their child's day, for example, she shares children's learning journals on a regular basis to help support and extend their learning at home.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always obtain enough information from parents about what children already know and can do when they first start.
- The childminder does not include parents' views routinely in her self-evaluation to help identify further improvements.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance ways to obtain information from parents about what children already know and can do when they first start
- take account of parents' views to help identify further improvements to the setting.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the self-evaluation, policies and procedures, children's records and evidence of the suitability of persons living on the premises.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents in references.

Inspector

Jennifer Turner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding issues, including child protection, to promote children's welfare. She understands the signs to be aware of and the action to take if she has concerns about a child. The childminder completes safety assessments of the premises and places she takes the children to, and takes appropriate steps to reduce all hazards. The childminder attends regular training, especially around supporting children with additional needs, to improve her knowledge and implement what she learns to raise the outcomes for children. She has a good range of written policies and procedures that she shares with parents to ensure they are aware of her expectations and practice. The childminder regularly talks to parents about their children's progress and achievements.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder plans a good range of activities and experiences that links to children's interests and what they enjoy. The childminder regularly observes children and uses appropriate guidance to assess their progress and their next steps in learning. The childminder supports young children's language development well. She regularly sings their favourite nursery rhymes, reads stories and engages them in conversations. Children enjoy resources, such as the mud kitchen and enjoy hiding in the willow tunnels. They enjoy craft materials as they paint paper plates to create a turtle and enjoy singing the turtle song with actions. The childminder seizes opportunities for children to hear and use counting in everyday play situations as they count how many legs the turtle has. Older children create a Viking ship and helmets using recycled cardboards as they learn about history.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder meets children's needs and individual routines very effectively. Overall, she ensures she continually shares information with parents and carers so that she knows what children will need during the day. The childminder promotes children's personal, social and emotional development and praises them warmly. Children develop healthy lifestyles. The childminder provides them with a range of healthy and nutritious snacks and meals. The childminder promotes good hygiene and ensures from a young age that children know they must wash their hands before they eat and after toileting. She has a stringent procedure in the event a child is unwell or infectious and contacts parents to inform them about their children's health and well-being.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning and development in readiness for school. They join in with singing activities with high levels of enthusiasm. Younger children babble along excitedly and attempt to do the actions to their favourite nursery rhymes. Children develop their counting skills well and learn to order objects by shape, colour and size as they look for different colours in their painting and model work.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY466728
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	1102618
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	7
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	21 February 2014
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2013. She lives in the Bartley Green area of Birmingham. The childminder operates all year round, except for family holidays, from 7.30am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. She provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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