

Childminder Report

Inspection date

5 December 2017

Previous inspection date

31 October 2013

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

- Arrangements for risk assessments are highly effective. For example, when young children start, the childminder carefully reviews daily routines, premises and equipment to help ensure their safety.
- The childminder works extremely closely with parents and other settings children attend. He provides parents with guidance to help them support learning at home and involves them in planning and identifying children's next steps. All children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points.
- Children enjoy the wealth of stimulating, high-quality activities and resources on offer. The childminder is very adept at extending and adjusting activities to tailor all children's individual learning needs and to maintain their interest.
- The childminder is very passionate and dedicated. He evaluates his practice with his assistant and co-childminder and, together, they strive to provide children with high-quality care and individualised learning. All children are highly motivated and keen to learn in this very welcoming setting.
- Children show a strong sense of well-being and belonging in the childminder's home. They have fun and they are treated gently and with great respect by the childminder. Children develop excellent behaviour and social skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the already excellent opportunities for children to learn about other cultures and customs different to their own.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed an evaluation of a focused activity with the childminder and discussed the outcomes for children.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the home to be used for childminding and checked evidence of suitability for the childminder, co-childminder and assistant.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, the co-childminder and the children at appropriate times during the inspection. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's self-evaluation and children's learning journals.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents through written documentation.

Inspector

Anahita Aderianwalla

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a very secure understanding of how to keep children safe and protect their welfare and an extensive knowledge of all safeguarding procedures. The childminder supports his assistant to ensure they work together seamlessly to meet children's needs. For example, he has attended various training workshops and shares his expert knowledge with his assistant and co-childminder, to maintain an outstanding level of teaching practice at all times. The childminder plans exciting and interesting opportunities, including art and craft activities, to help children learn about what makes them special. He is keen to explore further ways to help children learn about the similarities and differences in other cultures and people around them to enrich their understanding of the wider world.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder develops rich and meaningful relationships with parents. They share comprehensive information prior to their children starting in his care. Precise assessments give an excellent overview of children's learning. These, alongside comprehensive learning records, are shared with parents electronically, verbally and through regular meetings. The childminder provides a vast range of exciting activities and opportunities for children. For example, trips to the beach and surrounding woodland enable children to learn about wildlife. They collect natural resources and utilise them in creative activities. Communication and language development are supported exceptionally well from an early age. For instance, the childminder provides activities to support matching and problem solving skills, and uses clever questioning to enhance children's communication as they build towers with different sized blocks.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder provides extremely effective support to children to help them manage their feelings and behaviour. He praises and encourages the children, who all show very high levels of confidence and self-esteem. There are excellent daily opportunities for physical development and for children to access fresh air. The children regularly access playgroups and soft-play centres where they enjoy exploring with their senses and physical challenge. Children's rapidly growing understanding of how to keep themselves healthy is supported very effectively. Very positive partnerships with parents help to ensure children's individual care needs are exceptionally, and consistently, well met.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children develop excellent language and mathematical skills and show high levels of curiosity in their play as they tackle challenges. They learn to follow instructions and identify numbers, size and distance as they push toy cars along coloured tape on the floor and discuss the shortest route to get to the farm. They make rapid progress towards the next stages in their learning and are prepared extremely well for their eventual move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY415576
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	1065584
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 2
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	12
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	31 October 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Welwyn Garden City. He works alongside his wife who is also a childminder, he also works with an assistant. The childminder operates all year round from 7.15am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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