

Childminder Report

Inspection date

11 January 2018

Previous inspection date

8 May 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

- The childminder has exceptional knowledge relating to child development. She provides a rich curriculum of learning opportunities for all children in her care. Children make outstanding progress.
- The childminder's drive and commitment to her professional role are exceptional. She actively seeks support from a vast range of professionals to continually develop her service. Self-evaluation procedures are highly robust.
- The quality of teaching is exemplary. The childminder organises a balance of structured adult-led play and spontaneous child-initiated games. Consequently, children are exceptionally well supported to reach their full potential.
- The childminder knows children in her care extremely well. She accurately observes children's achievements and precisely plans to stimulate their ongoing learning. The childminder undertakes highly effective monitoring of children's progress. She swiftly analyses tracking and rapidly addresses gaps in learning as these develop.
- Exceptional strategies to promote children's focus and impeccable behaviour are established. Boundaries and expectations are extremely clear and praise and encouragement are readily offered. Children are very emotionally secure.
- Partnerships with parents are first class. Effective, two-way communication is well established. This contributes greatly to seamless complementary care and learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to extend the already excellent knowledge and skills by considering further professional development opportunities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector spoke to children during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided.

Inspector

Michelle Jacques

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder regularly attends child protection refresher training and safeguarding network meetings. She has detailed knowledge relating to safeguarding and knows the appropriate actions to take to identify, record and report safeguarding concerns, if these arise. This promotes children's welfare superbly. Furthermore, the childminder has recently completed 'Prevent' duty training to extend her skills and sharpen her safeguarding knowledge even further. The childminder plans to undertake ongoing training to improve her already excellent skills. The childminder demonstrates an uncompromising commitment to children's health and safety. She implements very robust risk assessment procedures and children learn how to keep themselves safe.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder fosters children's imagination, creativity and curiosity extremely well. For instance, children eagerly anticipate flashing lights as they play with exciting sensory resources. The childminder has high expectations and provides significant challenge for children. Children enjoy difficult number games. They recognise written numbers, create number sequences and count with ease. The childminder effortlessly extends children's learning and they are helped to develop mathematical skills as they play with weighing scales. They balance different objects and talk about 'more' and 'less' quantities. Children become deeply engaged and confidently solve challenging mathematical problems. The childminder adapts her practice to meet children's differing needs and abilities very well. For example, younger children are helped to dip brushes and sponges into paint and older children are encouraged to scoop paint with brushes independently. Strong teaching ensures all children are fully involved and benefit from the superb programme of activities on offer.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder is exceptionally sensitive to children's individual needs. For example, after changing children's nappies, the childminder scoops children up and gives them warm reassuring cuddles, prior to returning them to play. Children snuggle in and enjoy rich positive relationships. The childminder nurtures children's emotional security through her gentle and kind interactions. Children are happy and relaxed in the childminder's care. All children confidently join in group activities and friendships are established. This contributes to children's self-esteem and impressive levels of social confidence.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly motivated learners. They eagerly participate and have a thirst for challenge. Children confidently solve problems and develop communication skills from a young age. They make exceptional progress from their starting points and rapidly acquire the skills required for the next stage in their learning and the eventual move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY406338
Local authority	Oldham
Inspection number	1065490
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	8 May 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Royton, Oldham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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