

Childminder Report

Inspection date

31 January 2018

Previous inspection date

11 December 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

- Children are flourishing. They are highly successful, enthusiastic and motivated learners. Children are making excellent progress from their starting points. The childminder nurtures their physical development exceptionally well.
- The childminder makes accurate assessments of children's starting points for learning. She uses very well-established and highly successful processes for tracking and planning continued learning. Based on their starting points, children make exceptionally good and often rapid progress.
- The childminder forms excellent partnerships with parents and others who work with the children. She keeps them extremely well informed about children's achievements through regular meetings and well-written progress reports.
- The childminder promotes diversity extremely well. She makes sure that she acknowledges and celebrates all children's family traditions. Play resources are in plentiful supply, are exciting and are of very high quality. Learning opportunities and equipment link well to children's individual interests.
- The childminder makes exceptionally good use of self-evaluation to identify and target priorities for improvement. She provides her assistant with excellent support to promote her professional development exceedingly well.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor the impact of training and development in helping children to reach their optimum potential.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector discussed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of all persons living in the household. The inspector discussed with the childminder how she reflects on her practice.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and the childminder's assistant, through the feedback they provided.

Inspector

Lynn Clements

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a robust understanding of child protection issues. She ensures that her assistant understands the procedures to follow, should they be concerned a child may be at risk of abuse. The childminder pays excellent attention to developing the quality of her practice and supporting all children to make exceptional progress. She is extremely keen to undertake her own research and continue to develop her skills. The childminder identifies that she can extend her current monitoring processes further. This will enable her to identify precisely what impact her ongoing professional development has on continuing to promote children's excellent progress.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is passionate and highly driven to give children the very best start in life. She has extremely high expectations of what each child can achieve. Children receive an incredibly rich, varied and imaginative environment. They are enthusiastic in their learning and develop superb imaginations and early literacy skills. For example, children explore the concept of letter writing and postal services. They thoroughly enjoy writing to the Queen, using their excellent literacy skills. Children are also immensely proud to read, with the childminder's guidance, the response from Buckingham Palace. The childminder provides children with plenty of time to explore their own ideas. This contributes towards children's growing levels of confidence, concentration and engagement.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder and her assistant lay excellent foundations for children to adopt healthy, active and safe lifestyle habits. Children develop independence as they are encouraged to be self-sufficient. For example, they learn how to use utensils, such as cutlery and scissors, or to put on their coat and shoes. Children enjoy excellent first-hand learning opportunities as they explore their local community. This includes visits to the dentist and optician, and singing at the local residential centre for elderly people. Children build immensely strong emotional attachments with the childminder, her assistant and each other. Their behaviour is impeccable. Younger children share and hug each other and are very keen to help with routine tasks, such as preparing snack. Children express their views confidently and articulately and are extremely polite.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely confident, independent and active learners. They are eager to explore, investigate and work things out for themselves. They listen attentively to others and enjoy celebrating their achievements together. Children share their ideas and experiences and are confident to ask questions. They are developing the skills and attitudes that promote future learning and prepare them extremely well for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY464283
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	1066960
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 12
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	18
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	11 December 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2013 and lives in Dunmow, Essex. She operates all year around from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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