

Childminder Report

Inspection date

18 June 2018

Previous inspection date

19 August 2014

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 a wealth of knowledge and experience that is underpinned by her professional qualifications and previous experience. She uses her excellent knowledge of child development to robustly support children who require additional help and to build on children's own interests.
- The caring and nurturing childminder establishes excellent relationships with children and their families. Children settle quickly and develop a sense of belonging. They are extremely confident, independent and motivated learners who are eager to play and explore.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The childminder has an excellent knowledge and understanding of each child in her care and provides a vast range of activities that supports their progress and development. Children make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Partnerships with parents and other providers are highly effective resulting in consistent support for children's learning and development. Parents have extremely high opinions of the childminder and the service she provides.
- The childminder provides an incredibly stimulating and inclusive environment. Children have access to an outstanding range of rich and purposeful resources and follow their own lead in play. They are extremely confident and self-assured learners.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to enhance the already consistently high level of partnership working.

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

Tina Garner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has completed extensive training on safeguarding and this is reflected in her meticulously thorough safeguarding procedures. She demonstrates an excellent understanding of how to respond to concerns about the welfare of a child. Children's health and safety are meticulously ensured as the childminder carries out thorough checks on all areas of her home, toys and resources to protect them from harm. The childminder is highly committed to continually advancing her skills. For instance, she has attended a broad range of courses, researches on the internet, joins in webinars and works closely with other childminders. This has led to improvements in her approach to children's learning. The childminder recognises she needs to consistently enhance the already consistently high level of partnership working.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides excellent levels of support to extend children's communication and language skills. For instance, she questions children expertly and uses every opportunity to teach them new vocabulary. The childminder teaches children exceptional early literacy skills. For example, she makes very good use of props to engage all children in stories, prompting excellent levels of participation. Children relish in opportunities to sing and enthusiastically join in action rhymes and use musical instruments. They become deeply immersed in role-play activities, dressing up and playing imaginatively outdoors. They ask questions and solve their own problems as they pretend to cook and 'bake cakes', adding ingredients and using the rich and varied range of role-play resources.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder makes full use of her exceptionally inviting and large garden. Older children relish exploration of the new 'mud kitchen', climb on large equipment and enjoy water play, while babies are sat safely in the shade and enthusiastically explore cause-and-effect resources. Children's independence is exceptional for their age. The childminder enables the children to do as much as possible for themselves and is always on hand to offer support and guidance, when needed. Children learn about their own community and benefit from innovative experiences that support their excellent understanding of the world around them. Children enjoy visiting local allotments, join in 'forest childminders' sessions, visit play centres and have picnics on the beach.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make rapid progress towards the early learning goals. They demonstrate high levels of enthusiasm and motivation to learn. Older children learn to share and take turns, and they discuss their feelings and emotions to support their behaviour. Younger children are supported to stand and walk, and are offered excellent opportunities to explore using all their senses. Children's literacy and mathematical skills are threaded throughout all aspects of their daily routine. They develop exceptional key skills ready for their next stage in learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY407751
Local authority	Southend on Sea
Inspection number	1105091
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	19 August 2014
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Southend-on-Sea. She operates all year round from 8am to 5.30pm on Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 5. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant.

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