Childminder report



Inspection date	26 September 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Not applicable	2
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is good

- The childminder has a strong commitment to professional development. She completes regular training and shares good practice with other childcare professionals.
- The childminder's home is welcoming, safe and stimulating. The toys and resources reflect children's interests. Children are happy and confident during their play and interactions with the childminder, and therefore make good progress in their learning.
- The childminder encourages the development of young children's communication and language skills. For example, she responds to babbles from a toddler, listens and talks back in response.
- The childminder's self-evaluation is accurate and includes the views of parents and children. She is committed to making improvements that have a positive effect on children's outcomes.
- Children take part in a wide range of stimulating activities to support their learning and development. The childminder knows the children's needs very well and works positively with parents.
- The childminder uses effective monitoring systems to help identify any gaps in children's development and provide support if necessary.

It is not yet outstanding because:

■ At times during their play, opportunities to support children's developing mathematical skills and vocabulary are missed.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

■ make the most of opportunities during play to help further develop children's mathematical skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the childminder's home that children use.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documentation that included planning, children's records, policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and impact on children's learning.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents provided in writing.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The childminder has a good knowledge of what to do and whom to contact if she were to have a concern about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has good relationships with parents and other professionals, such as teachers, and shares information well. For example, she asked the local school about the topics they were teaching to ensure continuity and extension of learning for the children in her care. The childminder is very reflective and looks at ways to improve her practice and skills. For instance, after researching how children learn she is better able to support those children who learn best outside. The childminder knows each child exceptionally well and identifies any gaps in learning and continually meets their emerging needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder observes children as they play. She makes accurate assessments about what they know and can do. The childminder uses this information to plan activities based on children's next steps in learning. The childminder follows children's interests and understands how children learn through play. She encourages children to develop their imaginations well. For example, she uses a range of bottles and boxes to support a child making a machine to clean the ocean of plastic after they had seen a machine to clean the moon. The childminder provides a broad and balanced range of activities that suits the age and developmental stage of the children attending. The childminder monitors children effectively through observations and shares this information with parents. Children are encouraged to learn about the world around them and talk confidently about how we are all different.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder is caring and attentive to children's needs. She tailors her settling-in procedures well to ensure children experience continuity in their care and settle quickly. Children receive lots of praise and encouragement, which helps to promote their self-esteem. The childminder helps children behave well and follow the routines of the setting. For example, the clock has been colour coded to enable children to clearly see the timings of the activities and events during the day. Children learn how to manage potential risks and are actively encouraged to be independent. Children follow good hygiene practices and are helped to develop good self-care skills. They eat nutritious food and play outside daily. The childminder encourages children to take responsibility for small tasks, such as tidying up.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop the skills they need for starting school and the next steps in their learning journey. They learn about good choices and how to share. Children listen attentively, follow instructions and enjoy challenges. For example, they confidently copy the childminder hiding balls under cones and pouring rice from one cup into another. Children independently choose resources and activities. They are happy, settled and confident.

Setting details

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Type of provision Childminder

RegistersEarly Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care type Childminder

Age range of children 1 - 6

Total number of places 5

Number of children on roll 6

Date of previous inspectionNot applicable

The childminder registered in August 2016. She lives in the rural village of Bramley, Surrey. She provides care for children Monday to Friday during term time.

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