

Childminder report

Inspection date	1 November 2018
Previous inspection date	23 June 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is outstanding

- The childminder and her assistant have an extremely impressive knowledge of every child's individual needs. They monitor the quality of children's learning experiences and their progress meticulously and all activities support their learning and development exceptionally well.
- Children behave supremely well. They play and learn extremely happily together and show high levels of consideration and respect for others. Children are exceedingly happy and develop superb relationships with the childminder and her assistant.
- The quality of teaching is exemplary. The childminder and her assistant consistently provide children with inspiring opportunities to explore and investigate. Children delight in working things out for themselves and are extremely willing to give things a go. They make rapid progress from their developmental starting points.
- The childminder is meticulous in evaluating the overall quality of her service to ensure continuous improvements. She constantly reviews her own practice and the learning opportunities for every child to help provide individually tailored support.
- The childminder builds superb relationships with parents. She continuously discusses children's care, interests and development, and supports parents with highly inspiring ideas on how they can continue their children's learning at home. Parents are exceptionally happy with the excellent progress their children make.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop the already thorough support for assistants to help develop their excellent practice even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children, the childminder and her assistant playing together.
- The inspector examined a sample of documentation, including suitability checks and children's records.
- The inspector and the childminder discussed the play activities and learning during the inspection and undertook a joint observation of children's play.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this had on children's learning.

Inspector
Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The highly inspirational childminder continually sets extremely focused improvement plans, based on thorough evaluations of every aspect of her provision. She supports the professional development of herself and her assistants very well but has highlighted this as an area to continue to develop even further, to help continuously raise standards. The childminder is extremely ambitious and has the highest standards for the quality of care and learning. After recent training, she has greatly developed her support for children's healthy lifestyles. She now gives parents and children extensive guidance on healthy eating and has created a new extremely nutritional and balanced menu for her setting. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder and her assistant are highly trained and have an extensive understanding of how to deal with any child protection concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder provides an exceptionally exciting learning environment that motivates and engages children exceedingly well in their play. She plans extremely challenging activities with her assistant, based on the interests and specific learning needs of each child. The childminder and her assistant extend children's learning with extreme skill through their inspirational interactions. For example, children delight in creating their own role-play shop, very excitedly using letter posters to find the letters they need to write 'shop' for their sign. They thoroughly enjoy taking food orders for the childminder on notepads and use an excellent range of toy food to prepare meals meticulously. They describe the ingredients knowledgeably, such as 'this chilli is hot and spicy'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's emotional and physical well-being is superbly supported. Children benefit from highly exciting experiences, such as exploring local wildlife on trips and visiting older people to learn about their lives. They gain an excellent respect for others. Children are extremely aware of the importance of healthy eating and talk with great confidence about how too much salt or sugar can be bad for them. Children develop exceptionally strong friendships and behave supremely well. For example, as they explore the inside of a pumpkin, the more confident children warmly encourage others to feel it, saying 'don't worry, have a go'.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely motivated to learn and develop exceptional early literacy skills. They confidently recognise and write their names from a very early age and thoroughly enjoy comparing letter and number magnets. Children are highly confident talkers and show excellent imagination in their play. They delight in expressing themselves and sharing ideas, such as when excitedly discussing how pumpkins feel and smell and what they could use the leftovers for. Children have highly impressive mathematical skills and rapidly gain the skills needed for their next stages in learning and for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY482297
Local authority	Brighton and Hove
Inspection number	10076299
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	23 June 2016

The childminder registered in 2014. She lives in Portslade, East Sussex. The childminder provides care for children, with her assistant, between 7.30am and 6pm each weekday, all year.

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