

Childminder report

Inspection date	20 December 2018
Previous inspection date	23 November 2015

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

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder provides an exemplary level of care for children. Exceptional attention is given towards keeping them safe.
- The childminder is highly motivated and continually reviews her practice to raise standards to the highest level. She regularly evaluates the service she provides and sets herself targets to improve and achieves these well.
- Children are extremely well prepared for starting school. They are independent, confident and ready for the next stage in their learning.
- Children make exceptional progress in their learning and development. Precise monitoring of children's achievements and highly effective activity plans help children to surpass expectations.
- Extensive arrangements are in place to involve parents fully in their children's learning. The childminder also creates a very effective culture of inclusion and sharing of information with other settings that children attend.
- The childminder uses innovative ways to engage children's interest in outdoor play. For example, children find 'treasure' in the forest. They also learn how to keep safe in water during activities, such as swimming sessions.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to build on and extend the strong partnerships with other providers.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the childminder's support for children's learning.
- The inspector talked to the childminder at convenient times and evaluated her understanding of how to keep children safe.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder and discussed how she monitors children's progress.
- The inspector looked at a range of records, including evidence of the childminder's suitability and her qualifications.
- The inspector took account of written feedback from parents about their children's progress.

Inspector
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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The extremely enthusiastic childminder has great passion for the work she does. She knows her strengths and capitalises on these to raise her standards to an outstanding level. She is aware of the importance of partnerships with other professionals and has organised training to increase these skills. For instance, she plans to work together to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Recent training has reinforced her understanding of how much children benefit from playing outdoors, while highlighting their awareness of keeping safe. Safeguarding is effective. Children's safety is of paramount importance and comprehensive measures are taken to ensure children's welfare is fully supported. The childminder has accurate child protection procedures and knows how to use these to protect children who may be at risk. Parents take an extremely active part in supporting children's learning. For instance, they constantly share photographs and offer information about their children's progress at home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder supports children's learning exceptionally well. She is highly responsive to the needs of babies and able to adapt expertly to the changing interests of older children. For example, when children show an interest in how magnets work, she provides enjoyable activities to help children discover how they work using different materials, such as plastic and metal. The childminder monitors children's learning extremely accurately. She frequently checks what children know and can do, and carefully plans activities which will challenge children further. For instance, when children start to draw circles and squares, she asks if they can increase and decrease their sizes. A strong focus on promoting children's speaking and listening skills starts from the earliest age, which helps children to be confident communicators.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children flourish in the childminder's care. Babies settle extremely well and older children independently chose their own activities and competently attend to their self-care needs over and above what is expected for their age. Children are very fond of the childminder. They love to cuddle while reading a favourite story. The childminder is an excellent role model. She inspires children with praise and children respond with exceptional behaviour. They are polite and sensitive to the needs of other children. The childminder successfully helps children learn about keeping healthy. Children enthusiastically help the childminder to prepare meals, such as cottage pie. They learn the ingredients and help to mash potato. Mealtimes are a positive, social experience for all children.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make rapid progress in their learning from their individual starting points. They have an extremely positive attitude to learning. They are confident and enjoy exploring early mathematics and the sounds represented by letters. Children are extremely curious to find out how things work. They ask many questions and show a keen interest in their surroundings. The childminder is very focused on ensuring that children start school with a high level of achievement. They are particularly confident in their social skills, communication and physical development.

Setting details

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Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10060366
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	23 November 2015

The childminder registered 1997. She lives in Coulsdon, in the London Borough of Croydon. She works Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 7pm. She is available for 48 weeks of the year, apart from family holidays.

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