

Childminder report

Inspection date	12 February 2019
Previous inspection date	1 March 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Good	1 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 dedicated childminder provides an excellent learning environment for children that is well planned and presented. Children relish the opportunity to choose their play spaces and explore the highly exciting range of resources. All children make excellent progress in all areas of learning and development.
- The childminder's exceptional bond with children provides an exceedingly safe and secure environment from which they can confidently explore the world around them.
- The pursuit of excellence is at the heart of the setting. The childminder rigorously reflects on all areas of her provision and makes changes to improve outcomes for children. For example, she simplified the system for sharing children's progress with parents. This gives them a clearer understanding of children's progress and the areas where they can support them further.
- Parents are superbly involved in every part of their children's learning. The childminder ensures parents know how their children are progressing and give parents the knowledge and resources to support their children's learning at home. She actively encourages every parent to share detailed information about children's knowledge and skills from home.
- The childminder promotes children's enjoyment of activities successfully by, for instance, taking great care to find out about children's personalities to provide activities they enjoy immensely.
- Highly effective partnerships with staff at other settings children attend support excellent sharing of learning and development information. The childminder ensures children receive continuity and consistency in their care and learning.
- Children have excellent physical skills. They climb across challenging frames, balance and steer wheeled toys safely and take part in ball games to develop very good coordination skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement current plans to build on the already excellent opportunities for children who prefer to explore and learn outside.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and observed the children participating in a range of indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector examined a range of documentation that included the children's learning records and documents relating to safeguarding.
- The inspector and the childminder evaluated the effectiveness of some activities together.
- The inspector took account of parents' written comments and views.

Inspector

Sarah Richards

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The exceptional childminder is highly committed to continually improving her skills and knowledge to promote the best outcomes for children. For example, she uses her training and qualifications exceptionally well to provide innovative learning experiences for children. She regularly attends training to further develop her practice, such as a recent attachment theory training course. The childminder has a comprehensive understanding of the possible signs of abuse and what she needs to do should she have concerns about any child's welfare. Safeguarding is effective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder makes extensive assessments of the children's skills. She makes careful observations of the children while they learn and play. She uses her assessments extremely well to plan stimulating activities that are well suited to the children's interests and needs. The childminder organises inspiring outdoor sessions where children learn extensive creative skills and experience a wide variety of natural textures. For example, children are inquisitive as they paint with water on natural surfaces, such as wood and stone. Children eagerly use their senses and develop an excellent understanding of mathematics. They delight as they measure and pour dried rice into various sized containers. The childminder recognises that more can be done to extend even further the learning opportunities for children who prefer to explore outside.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children show great enthusiasm for learning. Even the youngest children have extremely high levels of independence. For instance, they make very good attempts to put on their shoes and coats by themselves. Children behave exceptionally well. They show great enthusiasm to gain understanding of the world and the childminder does many things to enhance their awareness. She works exceptionally well with parents to ensure that children are provided with highly nutritious and well-balanced snacks and meals. She teaches children about the benefits of being healthy superbly well. The childminder uses her enriching garden and walks in the local community to promote inspiring fun and learning outside.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely engaged, motivated and stimulated in their play and maintain their focus and concentration for extended periods of time. For example, children show high levels of fascination and perseverance when they try to match pot lids. Children show increasing coordination and control in physical activities, for example when balancing along a wooden beam. All children are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY351382
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	10073896
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 3
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	1 March 2016

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Witley, near Godalming, Surrey. The childminder works Monday to Friday 7.30am until 5.30pm, for most of the year.

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