

Childminder report

Inspection date	2 April 2019
Previous inspection date	23 November 2018

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Inadequate	2 4
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

This provision is good

- The childminder has thoroughly improved her knowledge of safeguarding and the current government guidance and legislation. She understands how to identify if children are being drawn into extreme views or behaviours and knows the importance of monitoring children's attendance.
- The childminder is skilful in supporting children's next steps in learning. She weaves counting into children's chosen play experiences to extend their awareness of numbers. She also repeats words that children attempt to say so that they can hear the correct pronunciation.
- Children behave well. They are able to share readily and are beginning to show a clear understanding of taking turns through effective support from the childminder. For example, young children independently took turns in posting shapes in the sorter and could be heard saying 'my turn' and 'your turn'.
- Children develop effective skills for their future. For example, they learn about their local community through regular outings and about different festivals, such as celebrating Easter.
- The childminder's husband is not known to Ofsted, although he was a member of the household at the point of registration with the Local Authority. This is an administrative error and the impact on children is minimised as he is never left unsupervised with children.
- The childminder does not consistently share information with other early years settings that children also attend in order to further support their next steps in development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
ensure that information about household members is shared with Ofsted to enable suitability checks to be carried out.	30/04/2019

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

- consistently share information about children's learning and next steps with other early years settings that children also attend.

Inspection activities

- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector viewed written documentation and held a discussion with the childminder regarding children's progress.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed and interacted with children throughout the inspection.

Inspector
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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder risk assesses the home and any outings she undertakes to help ensure that children remain safe. For example, she carefully plans the route for the school run, depending on which children she has in her care. The childminder has made effective use of support from her Local Authority adviser and other childminders to aid her in evaluating her practice and improving her setting. For example, she has improved how she gathers information from parents about children's starting points and now uses this information to plan effectively for their development. The information Ofsted holds about household members is not up to date. The childminder's husband has always lived at the childminding setting and would have gained clearance at registration with the Local Authority. The childminder never leaves children unsupervised with others, including her husband.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder has a good understanding of children's current levels of development. She plans effectively for what children need to learn next through assessing children's development across all areas of learning. She has a clear knowledge of the areas of learning that each activity offers to children and the impact of these on their development. The childminder redirects children's attention promptly to keep them motivated in their learning. For example, when children become restless when playing with the wheels and cogs, she suggests that they build the farmyard together, which they throw themselves into with great excitement.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder understands children's individual needs, such as when they are becoming tired or hungry, and takes swift action to meet their ever-changing needs. She provides children with good opportunities to learn about their own safety and that of others. Parents' written feedback demonstrates that they appreciate the way in which the childminder reinforces their principles about being polite and well mannered. Children learn to be independent and readily seek out what they want to play with from the easily accessible resources. They also confidently ask for other resources that are stored out of reach for safety reasons.

Outcomes for children are good

Young children concentrate for long periods of time. They take great care and show good small-muscle skills, such as when they built a tower by stacking bricks higher and higher. Children giggle with great delight as the childminder tickles their toes and as they sing favourite nursery rhymes. They thoroughly enjoy showing how they 'row, row, row' their boats gently down the stream. Children develop strong relationships with the childminder and with each other. For instance, they pretend to hide together, and cheer and clap to celebrate each other's achievements.

Setting details

Unique reference number	114884
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	10087043
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	23 November 2018

The childminder registered in 1989. She lives with her husband in Rudgwick, near Horsham, West Sussex. She operates her service from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round.

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