

Inspection date	26 March 2015
Previous inspection date	24 June 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Partnerships with other early years professionals are well established. This ensures a consentient approach to meet children's individual care and learning needs.
- The childminder has a comprehensive system in place for assessing children's achievements and identifying their next steps in learning to move them on in their learning and development. These allow the childminder to effectively monitor children's progress to ensure she can identify any gaps in their learning.
- All required records are well organised. The childminder knows how to effectively implement safeguarding policies and procedures to protect and promote children's safety and welfare.
- The childminder ensures she has robust systems in place to risk assess the indoor and outdoor areas, so children can explore safely.
- The childminder provides children with healthy and nutritious foods. She takes account of children's dietary needs and preferences when planning meals for the children, to meet their individual requirements.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- There are fewer opportunities for children to play with natural and real items to build on their curiosity and enhance their imagination.
- There are not always regular opportunities for children to make marks and learn about writing for a different purpose, to increase their understanding that print carries meaning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase the range of resources, such as natural resources and real objects, in the role play area to continue building on children's curiosity during their imaginary play
- encourage children to make marks in different ways and for different purposes, to increase their pre-writing skills and understanding that print carries meaning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the childminder's interaction with the children.
- The inspector sampled some of the childminder's documentation, such as the records of attendance, children's personal information forms, observation and assessment records, and training certificates.
- The inspector took a tour of the premises the childminder uses for children.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

The childminder continually updates her knowledge and develops skills for carrying out observations and assessments. She gathers effective information from parents about their children's interests and abilities in order to find out about their existing skills on entry. Children's creativity is fostered by the childminder as she provides good opportunities to freely draw on a variety of paper and materials. However, opportunities to teach children about writing for different purposes, like making shopping lists while pretending to go shopping, are not maximised. Children enjoy playing with a wide range of resources that they choose for themselves. However, there are not always natural resources available to enhance their imaginary play. The childminder introduces a variety of activities to promote children's communication and language skills. She models the correct use of language, shows interest in what they say and skilfully asks questions to help children express their ideas. This helps children to acquire the skills that they need for their future learning.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

The childminder makes sure that children have daily opportunities to go out in the fresh air and to take part in daily physical exercise. She plans outings with children where they can access large play equipment and take nature walks. Children learn how to keep safe as the childminder regularly practises the emergency evacuation drill with them to help them become aware of the procedure. In addition to this, the children also learn about road safety when out on trips. Children are happy due to the warmth and affection they receive from the childminder. They feel valued, and in turn this helps them to develop their self-confidence. The childminder manages children's behaviour calmly and sensitively. She helps children to understand why certain behaviour is not acceptable.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The childminder demonstrates secure knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and safeguarding procedures. She knows how to proceed if she has any concerns about the children's welfare and how to respond to an allegation. The childminder keeps and maintains relevant records for the safe management of the children. This supports children's welfare. The childminder has attended a number of training courses. These have enabled her to have a clear understanding of how children learn, and to make good links between assessments and planning of activities to extend children's learning. The childminder keeps a self-evaluation plan, which she reviews annually to assess the quality of care and learning she provides for the children and the service she offers to parents. The childminder demonstrates a commitment to continue to improve the outcome for children. The childminder establishes strong partnerships with parents. She places great emphasis on the daily sharing of information with them to promote consistency of care.

Setting details

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Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	24 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 2000. She lives in the London Borough of Enfield. Access to the home is gained via two steps.

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