

# Childminder Report

**Inspection date**

26 November 2015

Previous inspection date

5 March 2009

| <b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b> | <b>This inspection:</b> | <b>Outstanding</b> | <b>1</b> |
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|                                                               | Previous inspection:    | Outstanding        | 1        |
| Effectiveness of the 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 well-qualified childminder shows a superb understanding of how children learn and develop and has consistently high expectations for them. She closely tracks each child's progress and swiftly identifies and addresses any areas where they need additional support or challenge.
- The childminder works exceptionally well with parents and is very successful in engaging them in their children's learning. She skilfully uses shared information to plan for children's ongoing learning.
- Children enjoy a wealth of high-quality learning experiences. The childminder provides lots of opportunities for children to learn about the local community and wider world. Children develop very good social skills and show an excellent awareness of themselves and others.
- The childminder is an excellent role model. She constantly and consistently praises children for their efforts and achievements. Children behave particularly well in relation to their ages and stages of development. They are very kind, considerate, calm and extremely well mannered.
- Children's safety and well-being are highly prioritised. The childminder identifies potential risks in the environment and implements stringent safety measures to protect children at all times.
- Parents truly value the childminder's dedication and the variety of activities and opportunities that their children receive. They have written glowing compliments about the childminder which state, 'Her kindness, consideration, care and guidance has been amazing' and 'We could not have found a better childminder for our little angel'.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop additional ways to enhance professional development to help maintain and build on the very high standards of care and education provided.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector jointly observed and discussed with the childminder the teaching and learning activities provided for children.
- The inspector held a meeting with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of all adults living or working at the premises.
- The inspector reviewed letters that parents had written for the inspection and took account of their views included in recently completed questionnaires.

### Inspector

Lucy Showell

## Inspection findings

### **Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding**

The childminder meets all statutory requirements. She is exceptionally well organised and prepares each day around the individual needs of the children. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder prioritises children's safety and knows how to respond quickly to any concerns about their welfare. The childminder is passionate about what she does and has very high aspirations. She meticulously checks and reviews her practice, taking into account the views of parents, children and other professionals. Recently she has enriched the resources and the new all-weather garden is proving to be an excellent asset. Furthermore, she consistently supervises and guides her assistant to help assure the quality of his interactions with the children. The childminder is highly motivated and committed to her own and her assistant's professional development. She has gained an additional childcare qualification and has attended a variety of training courses. She is very keen to use any further development experiences to enrich and promote the outcomes for children even more.

### **Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding**

Planning and assessments are precise and sharply focused. These help to promote children's learning and development exceptionally well. The childminder uses a wide range of methods to fully involve parents. She gathers detailed information about each child, in order to tailor unique experiences to successfully meet their ongoing needs. The childminder talks regularly with parents about children's achievements, events and experiences. She shares plenty of ideas for activities which can be continued or extended with children at home. The childminder skilfully interacts with the children. Toddlers babble as they play and use simple sign language and gestures to express their enjoyment and communicate their preferences. They thoroughly enjoy periods of uninterrupted time to play and explore. Children use their senses to investigate a huge array of interesting, natural and real objects from the treasure basket. The childminder stays close by to supervise and extend their play as she joins in following the children's invitation.

### **Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding**

Children flourish in the caring and nurturing environment and develop very close bonds with the childminder. They are extremely happy and settled and the childminder responds to their individual needs superbly. The childminder works very closely with parents to provide highly consistent and very effective care. She has an exceptional understanding of how to promote the health and safety of children. The childminder maintains her home to a very high standard of cleanliness. Children enjoy easy access to a wealth of toys and equipment in the incredibly rich-learning environment. Children show a very strong sense of belonging. They safely explore the childminder's home with lots of confidence and curiosity.

### **Outcomes for children are outstanding**

All children make excellent progress given their starting points. They are extremely well prepared for the next stage in their learning and are active, interested and motivated learners.

## Setting details

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| <b>Unique reference number</b>     | 146933       |
| <b>Local authority</b>             | Barnet       |
| <b>Inspection number</b>           | 1024355      |
| <b>Type of provision</b>           | Childminder  |
| <b>Day care type</b>               | Childminder  |
| <b>Age range of children</b>       | 1 - 2        |
| <b>Total number of places</b>      | 6            |
| <b>Number of children on roll</b>  | 3            |
| <b>Name of provider</b>            |              |
| <b>Date of previous inspection</b> | 5 March 2009 |
| <b>Telephone number</b>            |              |

The childminder was registered in 1995 and lives in Cricklewood, Barnet. She works with an assistant. She operates all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Thursday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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