

Inspection date	31 March 2015
Previous inspection date	28 May 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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

- The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of how to effectively safeguard children and provides a safe and secure environment for them. She attends appropriate courses to keep her knowledge up to date.
- The childminder works effectively in partnership with parents to ensure all children reach their full potential. She prepares children very well for their next steps in their lives, such as move to the nursery or school.
- The childminder has effective assessment and planning systems. As a result, any gaps in children's learning and development are identified and addressed quickly.
- The childminder provides a range of learning experiences that children enjoy. She balances adult-led and child-led activities by following children's interests.
- The childminder has worked hard to successfully address recommendations and improve the quality of the care provided from her last inspection.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder promotes children's good health and encourages them to follow hygiene rules, such as using tissues and bin them. Although, she does not always reinforce the importance of hand washing routines before snack times.
- The childminder promotes independence in children, although does not take all opportunities. For example, she does not always encourage them to try things for themselves during art and craft activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- maximise the opportunities to develop children's independence as part of their daily routines, for example, during art and craft activities
- increase the support for children to fully understand the importance of good hygiene procedures at meal times.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home and looked at the range of resources.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's observations, planning and assessments, registration records, policies and procedures, and evidence of the childminder's suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents from the written feedback available.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's self-evaluation form.

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 provides a range of well-balanced activities to promote all areas of learning. The quality of teaching is good. For example, when helping with a complex floor puzzle, the childminder gives clues and asks questions to help children find the answer and resolve the task by themselves, such as 'Have a look around to find it, where does it go?' and uses praise, such as 'well done' and 'that was good'. As a result, children are absorbed in their learning and develop resilience and positive self-esteem. The childminder accurately observes children to find out what they need next to make good progress and develop further. A regular two-way exchange of information about children's achievements and progress with parents ensures learning is supported at home.

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

The childminder has a close bond with the children, who are settled and comfortable in her company. They enjoy her cuddles, praise and reassurance. The childminder sensitively helps children settle very well by looking at their preferences and interests. For example, if a child is interested in dinosaurs, she gets extra toys and books for her provision to meet their interests. Children have regular access to the outside space and take part in outings, which helps develop their physical skills. The childminder is a good role-model to the children, who are well behaved. They respond well to her expectations, such as using tissues when sneezing or covering their mouth when coughing. This also promotes their good health and helps to prevent the spread of infection. The childminder provides healthy snacks and lunches to promote children's good health. Parents also have an option to provide their own pack lunches. The childminder helps children to develop a good understanding of the diverse world. For example, she takes them to pantomimes and theatre shows, and talks about people with disabilities. Consequently, children develop positive attitudes to others and to learning. This helps them get ready for the move to nursery or school.

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

The childminder has made a good progress on her management systems since her last inspection. She has made use of observational assessments of the children's progress to meet their learning and development requirements. This means planning and activities are more focused on each child's individual needs. The childminder makes sure she provides a safe and secure environment at all the times by regularly reviewing risks in her house and while on outings. The childminder is committed to promoting high-quality provision for children and their parents. She uses self-evaluation to identify areas of improvement and takes into account children's and parent's view through regular communication.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
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Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	28 May 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1984. She lives in North Finchley, in London Borough of Barnet.

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