

Childminder Report

Inspection date

17 August 2015

Previous inspection date

14 June 2011

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

- The childminder plans fun-filled activities to promote children's development and progress. She provides a good range of resources and follows children's interests, which ensure all children make good progress relative to their starting points.
- Visits to community groups help children develop their music and movement skills. This also provides them with good opportunities to mix with others and learn about similarities and differences. This prepares children for their move to school and preschool.
- The childminder is patient, caring and affectionate towards the children. Children settle well because she builds strong attachments with them. As a result, children demonstrate confidence in new situations and in meeting new people.
- She uses self-evaluation well to make improvements and help her choose training to benefit the children attending. For example, recent training on how children learn by repeating patterns of behaviour has helped her improve the provision for younger children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always promote children's independence at every opportunity. Therefore, they do not always help themselves where possible, extending their thinking and self-care skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- promote children's independence at every opportunity, so that they learn to do more things for themselves and consistently attempt to solve their own problems.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities inside and outdoors as the childminder interacted with children.
- The inspector looked at children's records, learning journeys and sampled the policies and formal records.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the observations.
- The inspector checked the qualifications and training of the childminder along with evidence of suitability and that of any adults living in the household.
- The inspector considered the written views of parents.

Inspector

Victoria Weir

Inspection findings

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

The childminder meets the learning and development requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage effectively. The childminder knows children well as a result of ongoing communication with parents and regular observations and assessment of their learning. Consequently, she is able to use her good understanding of how children learn to tailor activities which interest and challenge children. For example, the childminder encourages children to pretend play at looking after dogs, as they build on their experiences from home. As a result, younger children develop their vocabulary, their imaginative play skills and knowledge of the world. Her interactions are effective as she sensitively judges when to intervene and uses some spontaneous opportunities to further children's learning. For example, the childminder encourages children to develop their observational skills and count as they notice insects. Children make good progress as the childminder prepares them well for the next stage of their learning and school. For example, the childminder uses her recent training to help children link letters and sounds as they develop early literacy. Many playful activities promote children's mathematical skills.

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

The childminder's calm and respectful attitude towards the children encourages them to behave well. The childminder talks to the children about their parents and their experiences at home, which helps the children to feel secure. As a result, children are motivated and confident to explore. The childminder's good understanding of child protection procedures means that she helps protect children's welfare. The childminder works closely with parents as she gathers ongoing information about children's needs and routines. This helps her meet children's physical care needs well. She ensures that she keeps parents updated about their children's daily experiences. This helps parents guide their children's learning at home. The environment is welcoming, clean and stimulating, which means children enjoy their time with the childminder.

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

The childminder effectively meets the welfare and safeguarding requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage. For example, she considers the different ages of children as she risk assesses her equipment and premises. She carries out checklists as advised by the local authority. This ensures the provision is safe and suitable for all children. The childminder frequently checks each child's learning and development. Consequently, she quickly identifies any gaps in children's learning and supports all children to make good progress. The childminder demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement as she carries out accurate self-evaluation, researches new information and undertakes training.

Setting details

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Local authority	Swindon
Inspection number	836771
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	14 June 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered with Ofsted in June 2001. She provides care in the Lawn area of Swindon. The childminder provides care daily between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

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