

Inspection date	20 March 2015
Previous inspection date	14 January 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The quality of teaching is excellent. The childminder's in-depth knowledge of the children ensures she is able to extensively promote their development across all areas of learning.
- Children are carefully nurtured and exceptionally well settled in the childminder's care. They develop high levels of confidence and independence that allow them to play and explore.
- Robust safeguarding procedures ensure children are safe in the care of the childminder. She has an excellent understanding of her responsibilities to protect children and she regularly refreshes her knowledge by undertaking relevant courses.
- Very strong relationships have developed with parents and information is shared daily. This ensures there is continuity in children's learning from home to the childminder's setting.
- The childminder makes rigorous evaluations of her practice to support continuous improvement. She is fully committed to her own professional development which significantly improves the outcomes for children in her care.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- maximise even further opportunities to engage even greater parental involvement in children's learning to build on children's already rapid progress.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder engaging with children in a range of learning activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and engaged with children during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including a selection of policies and procedures and the children's learning records. She also checked evidence of the childminder's qualifications and the suitability of all persons in the household aged over 16 years.
- The inspector looked at, and discussed, the childminder's improvement plans and self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Amanda Tompkin

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an exceptional knowledge and understanding of how to support children's learning through highly stimulating and engaging activities. She has a wealth of experience and uses this to support children to make excellent progress in their learning and development. Through regular, precise assessments and observations, alongside discussions with parents, she plans very clear learning objectives for each child. As a result, children are enthusiastic learners and develop the necessary skills to support them with their move to school. The childminder supports children's communication and language skills consistently well. She engages children in conversation and gives them time to think and consider their response. She skilfully models children's language which helps younger children's emergent speech. All children enjoy and develop their creative skills extremely well, as they benefit from an extensive range of crafts, painting and drawing resources, which are easily accessible. These activities are often based around cultural and world events. For example, they make lanterns, Mother's Day cards and prepare for the solar eclipse.

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

Children are cared for in a safe and welcoming home which is exceptionally well resourced. They are supervised well and carefully supported to learn how to manage their own safety. Children are provided with healthy, well-balanced diets and are successfully encouraged to use good hygiene routines. Children's physical development is supported exceptionally well through regular visits to local parks, open spaces and regular walks. They learn to behave well and to respect each other's feelings. This is because, the childminder sets clear boundaries and acts as a good role model with a calm and consistent manner. Children demonstrate that they feel emotionally secure in the childminders care. For example, they warmly greet her on arrival and readily seek her out for cuddles during the day.

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

The childminder has an excellent understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has an exceptional understanding of the procedures to follow to protect children in her care. Thorough risk assessments and daily checks are conducted on the home, which ensure that children have a safe place to play and explore. She robustly monitors the planning and teaching because she regularly assesses what children are learning. As a result, any gaps in learning can be identified and rapidly closed. Extremely strong links are established with other settings that children attend. The childminder effectively uses a communication book to share information about children's progress. As a result, children's care learning and development is complemented exceptionally well. The childminder is extremely proud of the excellent partnerships she has forged with parents. She sees them as active partners, and is keen to develop further inspirational ways of involving them in their children's learning and development.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	13
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	14 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1980 and lives in Worcester. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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