

Inspection date	26 February 2015
Previous inspection date	29 April 2010

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 plans activities that are exciting and challenging. This supports the children in making good progress in their learning and development.
- Children are developing good communication and language skills. They are confident during play and interact well with the childminder.
- Children follow good hygiene routines. They enjoy healthy meals and snacks which encourages healthy lifestyles.
- The childminder has a good system in place for tracking children's progress. This means any gaps in learning can be identified quickly.
- Children behave very well, this is because the childminder gives the children clear boundaries.
- The childminder has developed a strong partnership with parents, which supports children's learning in the home environment.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The current system to share and obtain information with other settings is not yet effective to support children's learning even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the current system for communicating with schools and other settings so that the sharing of information about children's learning is more consistent.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documentation, and a range of other documentation, including policies and procedures.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from the childminder's parental questionnaires.
- The inspector carried out a joint inspection with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home, both inside and in the garden.

Inspector

Eleanor Proctor

Inspection findings

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

The childminder completes accurate assessments of children's development and identifies next steps in their learning. This means that children are well supported in their progress. Each child has a tracker file which contains detailed information for parents about their child's achievements. The childminder provides a wide range of activities which are freely available for children to choose from. This means, children are able to develop their independence. Children are excited to explore the fire station and enjoy using props with the childminder to role-play different occupations. The older children develop their imagination skills as they use large boxes to create a train. The childminder makes good use of opportunities to repeat children's language and introduce new words. As a result, children are making good progress in their communication and language skills.

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

The childminder provides a warm and caring environment for the children. She ensures each child has their individual needs and interests catered for. For example, she speaks with parents about individual routines, likes and dislikes. As a result, children's needs are met which supports them to settle quickly and become confident in the childminder's home. Children enjoy access to the outdoor area where they enjoy regular exercise in the fresh air. For example, children race around the obstacle course and chase each other down the grassed hill. Children excitedly search for a bear on their 'bear hunt'. As a result, children's physical skills are developing well.

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

The childminder has a good knowledge of the safeguarding requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage. As a result, she understands her role in keeping children safe from harm. All of the required documentation is in place. For example, Disclosure and Barring Service checks are in place for all persons in the household. Children's records and personal information are kept confidential. This means children are fully protected. The childminder has made good progress since her last inspection and has addressed all the recommendations raised. The childminder has developed a link with the local school and helps children prepare for their move to nursery. However, the sharing of information about children's progress is not yet effective to help children maintain continuity in their learning between home, school and the childminder. She attends training to ensure her knowledge is kept up to date and, through doing so, enhances her practice.

Setting details

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Local authority	Sheffield
Inspection number	876636
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	29 April 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2010 and lives in Sheffield. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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