

Childminder Report

Inspection date

27 August 2015

Previous inspection date

1 December 2010

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

- Children are making good progress as they reach, and in some cases exceed, typical levels of development for their age. The childminder's effective teaching supports the development of children's communication, language, personal and social skills.
- Children have good opportunities to develop their self-care skills and independence. This is because the childminder constantly encourages children to try things out for themselves and help each other.
- The childminder has a good understanding of her responsibilities as a provider. She demonstrates a commitment to self-evaluation in order to develop her good knowledge and continually provide good quality care.
- Children are happy in the setting and behave exceptionally well. Boundaries are clear and younger children are sensitively supported in managing their own feelings and behaviour. They feel safe and confident because they know and understand what is expected of them.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always ensure that the activities she plans take account of all available information about individual children, so that they are as meaningful as possible.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- find ways to incorporate children's interests into the planning of activities, to enrich and support their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector made a number of observations of activities, including undertaking a joint observation with the childminder, and viewed the spaces, toys, resources and equipment available for children's use.
- The inspector sampled evidence of children's learning records and documents, including policies and procedures and training certificates.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from written feedback provided.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of the childminder and other adults in the household.

Inspector

Eleanor Thompson

Inspection findings

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

The experienced and qualified childminder is knowledgeable about how children learn, and skilfully interacts with children to extend their learning as they play. For example, during a baking activity, the childminder asks questions that encourage children to count and think about shape, size and colour in a fun and relaxed manner. The children are provided with a balance of interesting adult-led and child-initiated activities that cover all areas of learning. This means that their all-round development is well supported. The children are very content to play and explore independently, and they move freely between the indoor and outside areas. The childminder regularly and accurately assesses children's achievements and progress, which ensures that she has a secure knowledge of their abilities. However, she does not always use the children's interests to plan activities, meaning that sometimes opportunities to engage children in activities that will excite them, and in turn develop their learning, are missed.

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

The childminder provides an inclusive environment where children are consistently treated with love and respect. As a result, children have developed strong relationships with the childminder, which means they are settled and secure in the setting. The childminder is a good role model and teaches children to be kind, polite and use good manners. The childminder takes every possible opportunity to offer children choice and direct their own play, therefore supporting their confidence and development of self-esteem. This approach helps to prepare children well for the next stage of their learning. The childminder promotes learning about healthy lifestyles. She teaches children about the importance of hand washing and healthy eating as part of daily routines. The children access a homely environment. They regularly attend playgroups and physical play sessions, which are thoroughly risk assessed. These experiences support children's physical health and well-being.

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

Positive written feedback demonstrates parents' high regard for the childminder and the service she provides. They state that they would recommend her services. Parents are invited to contribute to and comment upon their children's learning. The childminder maintains the required documentation and records to support the safe and efficient management of the setting. Safeguarding procedures are good and the childminder has an understanding of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse. This ensures that children's welfare is protected. The childminder attends regular training and network meetings in order to keep her knowledge of child development and legislation up to date. Overall, the childminder monitors and develops her practice well. For example, she has exciting plans to improve the ways in which she seeks the views of the older children in her care.

Setting details

Unique reference number	321866
Local authority	Wakefield
Inspection number	868734
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	1 December 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder has been registered since 1998 and lives in Ossett, Wakefield. She operates from Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year, closing for bank holidays, Christmas and family holidays. Her opening hours are 7.30am to 6pm. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

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