

Childminder Report

Inspection date

10 August 2015

Previous inspection date

12 December 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 has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and implements these well.
- Children are happy and enjoy their time with this warm and friendly childminder. She understands how children learn and develop, and uses their interests and the daily routines to help them become confident and active learners.
- The childminder talks with the children and asks them questions while they play, and during routine tasks. This approach helps children to think and to make good progress in their communication and language development.
- The childminder is good at adapting the support she offers children to meet their differing needs. This helps all children make good progress.
- The childminder encourages children to become independent by giving children tasks they can manage and stepping in with help just when they need it.
- The childminder has good partnerships with parents. She regularly exchanges information with them to ensure children benefit from consistent experiences. Parents report being very happy with the care their children receive.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not routinely involve parents in helping to review her service and set targets for future improvements.
- The childminder does not always provide children with challenging resources that encourage them to think creatively and use their imaginations to fully extend their play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen self-evaluation processes further by involving parents more in helping to shape future improvement plans
- provide more resources that children can use in many different ways to encourage and fully extend their imaginative and creative play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder's interactions with the children as they played.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the children's needs and helps them to learn.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's documentation.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with parents and took into account written comments from parents.

Inspector

Caron Lubin

Inspection findings

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

Children are happy during the time they spend with this friendly childminder. The childminder has a good understanding of learning and development and organises a broad range of activities. Children are motivated and eager to learn because activities interest them. During the inspection, children were engrossed in a game which involved fitting objects into a box. During craft activities, the childminder supported children to explore their own ideas as they talked about their designs for making a robot. The childminder listened and added some resources for children to use. She used words, such as 'metallic' and 'bronze', to help extend children's vocabulary. The childminder provided paint and brushes so that younger children could play alongside older children. The childminder encouraged children's speaking as she repeated young children's attempts at speech and key words. Children developed their hand-to-eye coordination as they used different tools and gained skills important for early writing. The childminder takes children on daily outings to local parks and places of interest to broaden their experiences.

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

The childminder forms warm and trusting relationships with the children so they feel safe and secure. She pays children close attention and talks to them about what they are doing to help them learn to share and behave well. Children achieve new things and gain confidence because of the good support they receive. For example, young children were delighted when they managed to peel their fruit for snack. Skills learned while with the childminder, such as putting on shoes, prepares children well for school. Since the last inspection, the childminder makes a daily visit to the park. This allows children to be active and play outdoors everyday helping them stay healthy and develop their physical skills. The childminder helps children to become familiar with other settings and supports them to make friends and socialise with others. This prepares them well as they move on to pre-school and school.

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

The childminder ensures her home is safe and secure. She carries out risk assessments to help her with this. The childminder understands her responsibility to safeguard children. She has updated her training to ensure she is fully aware of what to do to protect children from harm. The childminder makes effective use of observation and assessment to monitor children's developmental progress and identify any gaps in learning. She shares this with parents. Overall, the childminder reviews her practice well and identifies ways to develop further to secure continuous improvement.

Setting details

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Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	12 December 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in central Swindon, Wiltshire. The childminder operates all year round.

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