

Childminder Report

Inspection date

4 August 2015

Previous inspection date

23 October 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 provides a wide range of good-quality resources and activities to extend children's development. As a result, children make good progress in their learning.
- Children are happy and settled due to the warm, welcoming and inclusive environment that the childminder and her assistant offer.
- The childminder promotes children's positive behaviour consistently. She has clear boundaries and a sensitive approach, appropriate to children's ages and stages of development.
- The childminder ensures children develop a strong understanding of the importance of good personal hygiene to promote their physical health and well-being.
- The childminder shows a strong commitment to her continuous professional development. She attends local childminding groups and a range of courses to keep up to date with training opportunities and initiatives. This has a positive impact on the learning experiences she offers children. For example, she now provides children with more creative activities to express themselves imaginatively.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not fully involve parents in contributing to their children's learning by sharing what their children achieve at home.
- The childminder does not always give children enough time to think about what they want to say and how to say it, to extend their thinking and problem-solving skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide further opportunities for parents to share what their children learn at home
- give children more time to think about what they want to say and how to say it, to extend their thinking and problem-solving skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in activities and their interactions with the childminder and her assistant.
- The inspector looked at a sample of relevant documentation including children's records.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and her assistant about their practice.
- The inspector reviewed parents' feedback by sampling written documents.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

Yasmine Hurley

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. She uses effective processes for assessing children's progress and ensures her planning covers all aspects of learning. As a result, children are fully engaged in purposeful play, which builds on their interests and they make good progress from their capabilities on entry. The childminder uses good teaching techniques to promote children's learning. For example, children had fun playing with the bead and letter puzzles and the pretend food. The childminder engaged them in conversation, teaching them about colours, letters and numbers. These opportunities prepare children well for their future learning and move to school. The childminder promotes children's physical skills well. For example, the children enjoyed climbing the climbing frame and going down the slide. They became excited and laughed going in and out of the tunnel in the garden. The childminder promotes children's understanding of the world well. They learn about the different animals and enjoy watering the pumpkins and watching them grow and change.

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

The childminder and her assistant provide a stimulating and homely environment that is thoroughly child-centred. Children settle quickly, form secure relationships, and are happy and content in their care. The childminder promotes children's independence well. For example, she stores toys at low level to encourage children to choose freely what they want to play with. This helps to prepare children well for their next stages in learning. Children develop a good understanding of a healthy lifestyle through regular outdoor and physical play. They benefit from trips to parks and playgroups, where they learn about their local community.

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

The childminder and her assistant have a good understanding of their responsibilities to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. They know what to do should they have a safeguarding concern about a child in their care. The childminder is vigilant in her supervision of children and conducts effective risk assessments to help her identify potential hazards. The childminder and her assistant form a strong team who complement each other's knowledge and abilities for the benefit of the children. The childminder monitors and evaluates their practice, and effectively supervises and updates her assistant on current childcare practices to further strengthen his knowledge and skills. The childminder monitors children's progress well to ensure that any identified gaps in their learning are narrowing. The childminder shares this information with parents, so that they are aware of what their children learn. These measures show that the childminder has addressed recommendations from her previous inspection well.

Setting details

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Local authority	Enfield
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	23 October 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2002. She lives in the N9 postcode area in the London Borough of Enfield. The childminder works with an assistant. She offers full-time and part-time care each weekday, from 7.30am to 7pm, throughout most of the year.

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