

Childminder Report

Inspection date

29 March 2018

Previous inspection date

1 October 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder has created a very warm and highly stimulating environment for children's learning. She meticulously plans learning opportunities to motivate and challenge children to learn and thrive. All children make rapid progress from their starting points in their learning.
- The childminder is highly enthusiastic and passionate about children being able to investigate, question and explore the natural world. For example, she provides a wealth of opportunities to teach children about recycling and caring for the environment.
- Children's emotional well-being is supported exceptionally well by the childminder. They are confident and display high levels of self-esteem. Children have high regard for themselves and each other and learn to respect others from different backgrounds.
- The childminder has highly successful links with parents to keep them very well informed of their children's progress. She provides excellent opportunities for parents to contribute successfully to their children's learning.
- The childminder successfully reviews her practice and actively pursues training opportunities to implement new ideas. She completes precise evaluations of the quality of her practice and offers children excellent experiences and opportunities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop the already excellent outdoor provision to provide an even wider range of activities to support those who learn best outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at areas of the premises used for childminding and sampled relevant documentation, including children's records.
- The inspector observed children engaged in activities, including their interactions with the childminder, and assessed the impact on their learning.
- The inspector took account of the written feedback provided by parents.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the childminder and evaluated the quality of teaching.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and spoke with children at appropriate times during the inspection.

Inspector

Yasmine Hurley

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a very secure knowledge of the possible signs of concern about a child and is confident about the procedures to follow. She has an exemplary awareness of how to keep children safe and carries out thorough checks on all areas of her home. The childminder successfully closes any emerging gaps in children's learning and shares this information with parents and staff at other early years settings that children attend. The organisation of the childminder's service is excellent. She demonstrates a very strong passion for her work. She has addressed the recommendation from her previous inspection extremely well. Highly effective planning is now in place and the childminder recognises how she could develop the outdoor area even more to provide an even greater range of activities to support children's learning further.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder promotes children's speech and language skills extremely effectively. For example, she talks to the children and models language in a way that encourages them to repeat and learn new words. Children develop an awareness of how to use technology from a young age successfully. For instance, they learn to press buttons on electronic toys to make sounds. The childminder extends their learning even further, such as by introducing colours, and encourages them to identify different numbers and sounds. The childminder provides children with a very exciting variety of textures and materials to extend their creative skills superbly. For example, children enjoyed scooping the cereal in toy trucks in the farm they created. The childminder skilfully extended their learning further, by asking them interesting questions about volume, nature and farm life.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely happy, settled and form exceptionally close attachments to the childminder. They approach her readily for cuddles and reassurance, confident their needs will be fully understood and met successfully. The childminder manages children's behaviour highly effectively. For example, she shares her expectations with the children, who fully understand and embed these rules and behave in an exceptional manner. Children develop exemplary levels of independence during activities. For example, they help to tidy up and prepare their own snacks. They learn highly effective skills around personal hygiene and how to be healthy.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make exceptional progress and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning, including their move to school. They develop an extensive range of vocabulary and are highly confident in recognising shapes and numbers. They show outstanding levels of concentration and persevere extremely well at tasks. Children develop excellent social skills. For example, young children learn to share and take turns respectfully.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY231291
Local authority	Enfield
Inspection number	1128545
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	1 October 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in the London Borough of Enfield. She offers full-time and part-time care each weekday from 7am to 6pm throughout most of the year. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at level 3.

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