

Inspection date	3 February 2015
Previous inspection date	12 September 2011

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

- Children demonstrate they are happy and secure and have formed good relationships with the childminder.
- The childminder makes effective use of observations to monitor children's progress and to plan for their next stage of learning and development.
- The childminder provides a stimulating and well-resourced environment for children, which is mainly based on their interests.
- The childminder caters for the individual needs of all children by following their specific care routines. This helps them to settle well into her care.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses opportunities to extend children's physical development, by providing challenging outdoor experiences to help promote their gross motor skills.
- The childminder does not always ensure babies are able to benefit from the range of activities on offer, by making them more accessible and suitable for their use.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the use of outdoor resources to enhance children's physical development, in particular their gross motor skills
- strengthen opportunities for babies to take part in the range of activities available, by making them more accessible and suitable for their current stage of development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled children's development records and other relevant documentation.
- The inspector observed interaction between the childminder and the children.
- The inspector held a discussion with the childminder regarding her roles and responsibilities in meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector checked the suitability of the childminder and other family members.

Inspector

Robert Ernest

Inspection findings

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

The childminder uses effective observation techniques to monitor and plan for children's learning. Therefore, children have access to activities that cover all areas of learning. The childminder uses information from assessments, along with feedback she gathers from parents, to identify children's starting points on entry and to plan for their next steps in learning. Overall, the quality of teaching is good. For example, the childminder uses open questions to encourage children to further investigate activities. In turn, children are acquiring good language skills in preparation for their next stage of learning. Children have free choice of a range of resources and activities that are stimulating and challenging. However, the childminder does not always ensure babies are able to access some activities, by making them more suitable to further extend their learning opportunities. Children enjoy engaging in physical activities, such as playing football and digging in the garden. Although, there are fewer resources available to develop their gross motor skills. Nevertheless, the childminder makes good use of a nearby park and extends children's social skills by regularly attending local playgroups.

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

The childminder has established good relationships with the children and they are happy and secure in her care. Although she has a daily routine in place, she is sensitive to children's individual needs and adapts mealtimes and sleep routines accordingly. Older children are gaining in confidence and independence as they make their own choices in play and manage their personal care needs. The childminder prepares nutritious food for the children and promotes healthy eating by offering a balanced menu. Parents further offer suggestions of meals their children enjoy. The childminder keeps children safe by undertaking a daily assessment of risks to help identify any hazards in the environment. The childminder calmly reinforces expectations of good behaviour by gently reminding children about sharing with others.

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

The childminder has attended recent safeguarding training and has a secure understanding of her roles and responsibility to safeguard the children in her care. She has a positive approach to self-evaluation and has successfully addressed issues raised during her previous inspection. The childminder is aware of the relevant agencies and professionals to contact for further support. The childminder establishes good partnerships with parents. She keeps detailed records of children's daily activities and provides feedback to parents during collection times. Parents are able to view their children's development records at any time. The childminder has a clear understanding of how to complete the required progress checks on children when they reach two years.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY233797
Local authority	Ealing
Inspection number	814455
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	12 September 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in Northolt, in the London Borough of Ealing. The ground floor of the home is used for childminding purposes and there is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

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