

Childminder Report

Inspection date

2 July 2015

Previous inspection date

22 June 2012

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

- The quality of teaching is good. The childminder knows children well and, as a result, she ensures the activities she provides meet older and younger children's needs.
- Children are cared for in a safe environment because the childminder ensures they are supervised well, such as while playing on large outdoor equipment. This effectively promotes their safety and well-being.
- The childminder fosters secure attachments with children, and young children use her as a secure base to explore, play and seek comfort when required. This shows that children are happy and develop a good sense of belonging.
- The childminder demonstrates a strong understanding of child protection procedures and she underpins her knowledge by attending ongoing safeguarding courses. This promotes children's welfare effectively.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not always have opportunities to gain an understanding of some aspects of living things to enhance their understanding of growth and change in their environment.
- The childminder do not always use everyday situations and routines to increase children's understanding of foods that are good for them and the benefits of these to their good health.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide further learning opportunities to help children gain an understanding of healthy eating and the benefits of this to develop their awareness of keeping healthy
- provide more opportunities for children to gain an understanding of change and why things happen in their natural environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder and children engaged in activities.
- The inspector sampled children's developmental records and documentation.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her self-evaluation processes.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements, and of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector obtained the views of parents through written letters.

Inspector

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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 Early Years Foundation Stage and, as a result, she plans for children's next steps in learning well. The childminder provides good opportunities for children to make early marks to promote their literacy development. Older children make recognisable shapes demonstrating that they have a good understanding of putting meaning to the marks they make. The childminder asks children questions to support their growing language development. Children respond, for example, by sharing their drawings of a superhero character or tadpoles. Through planned outings to the local city farm, children observe animals to help them gain some understanding of the world in which they live. The childminder positively supports children's creativity. She engages well in children's play, such as while they make a bridge with construction toys. The childminder increases children's awareness of using some early mathematical language in everyday situations. As a result, children enjoy asking the childminder to push them faster while playing on the swings, and others talk about how many sticky eyes they need for their drawing.

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

The childminder provides an environment that is warm and family orientated. This helps children to feel confident and motivated to take safe risks. For example, young children enjoy playing on the mini trampoline as they know the childminder is close by. The childminder takes children on daily outings to community groups, which helps support their personal, social and emotional development. Consequently, children are well behaved and benefit from consistent praise and encouragement. Furthermore, the childminder provides a good range of outdoor activities in the garden, which helps children to use a range of physical movements. She gives thoughtful planning to the type of snacks she provides for children, which mainly consist of fruits to promote their good health.

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

The childminder shows a strong capacity to maintain continuous improvement. She has addressed the previous recommendations and action effectively. The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid qualification, which means she is able to give children the care they need in the event of a minor accident. She uses observations and assessments well to plan for children's future learning and she is aware of the importance of working in partnerships with other early years settings to complement children's play and interests. Effective partnerships with parents are established. The childminder takes time to talk to parents daily, which promotes continuity of care. She periodically shares children's developmental records with parents, enabling them to contribute to children's learning.

Setting details

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Local authority	Tower Hamlets
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	22 June 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in Bow, within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The childminder cares for children on weekdays throughout most of the year.

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