

Childminder Report

Inspection date

2 July 2015

Previous inspection date

10 June 2009

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

- Children show high levels of independence and concentration as they choose from the wealth of high-quality resources, which are easily accessible.
- The childminder is fully committed to supporting children to reach their full learning potential. Children make rapid progress in their development.
- The childminder is a positive role model and helps children to keep the environment tidy and safe. Children behave well.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of safeguarding matters in order to protect children from harm. She is knowledgeable of the procedures to follow for reporting any welfare issues which may raise cause for concern.
- The childminder has addressed previous recommendations well from the last inspection, which has had a positive impact on children's learning and development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses opportunities to provide a suitable range of challenging opportunities during physical activities to strengthen children's skills and levels of self-control.
- The childminder does not always provide natural resources for younger children in order to extend their interest and exploration of nature.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- expand opportunities for children to experience a range of challenging physical activities to further develop their skills
- develop a variety of natural resources to promote young children's exploration and curiosity of nature further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's playroom.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including children's records, planning documentation, and policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector took account of written parent questionnaires and comments made on assessment forms.

Inspector

Tanisha Hodge

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 secure understanding of the learning and development requirements. She effectively uses resources, such as number, letter and word displays to engage children and extend their learning opportunities. Furthermore, children benefit from seeing written words and pictures in their environment, which promotes their early reading skills in preparation for school. Children who are learning to speak English as an additional language have good opportunities to develop their language communication skills. This is because the childminder includes them in various conversations. Additionally, she uses sign language to further aid their communication. The childminder encourages younger children to explore a wide variety of interactive toys, materials and tools, which helps to develop their fine motor skills and understanding of the world.

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

The childminder has good arrangements to care for children and supports their well-being. She provides a safe, happy and stimulating environment where children settle in quickly. The childminder helps children to enjoy a healthy lifestyle. They have access to the garden to develop their physical skills, including the use of play equipment. She provides healthy nutritious snacks for children and access to drinking water to promote their physical health. Children learn to independently feed themselves, which promotes their self-care skills. The childminder provides gentle reminders to children about the safe use of resources and equipment. For example, she teaches younger children not to sit on toys as they may hurt themselves, which promotes their understanding of keeping safe. Her nurturing praise and encouragement help to build children's confidence and self-worth, effectively supporting their emotional well-being.

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

The childminder has a good knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She has highly informative policies and procedures, which support her good practice. She implements risk assessments of the home and garden in order to identify and remove any hazards and promote children's safety. The childminder is reflective and makes ongoing improvements as part of her self-evaluation process. She is committed to improving children's outcomes by monitoring their development. For instance, she has attended several training courses, including on how to promote the voice of the child. Consequently, she has developed her practice by encouraging children to express themselves more confidently and to value others by listening when they are speaking. The childminder maintains continuity in children's care and learning through her effective partnerships with parents and other providers that children attend. Therefore, all children make effective progress.

Setting details

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Local authority	Harrow
Inspection number	832929
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10 June 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2002. She lives in Rayners Lane, in the London Borough of Harrow. The childminder offers care all day, Monday to Friday.

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