

Childminder Report

Inspection date

4 March 2016

Previous inspection date

21 September 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 continues to maintain the very highest standards in all aspects of her work. She forms an extremely effective partnership with her co-childminder. Together, they review all that they do with a view to identifying improvements, where possible, to the already outstanding provision.
- The childminder's outstanding teaching promotes all children's learning exceptionally well. She uses her extensive knowledge of each child's current abilities to plan activities that will capture all children's interest and which all children enjoy. Children make excellent progress.
- Children feel extremely comfortable and secure in the childminder's welcoming home. They build close bonds, behave very well, and thoroughly enjoy the time they spend with her.
- The childminder promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle extremely well. Children are excited to eat her home-cooked and nutritious meals, and gain an excellent understanding of the benefits of good food, rest and exercise.
- The childminder involves parents fully in children's learning. She frequently shares detailed information about the progress children make and the next steps in their learning, helping them to support children's learning further at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- find even more innovative and exciting ways to extend children's knowledge and skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder and the children in the home and garden.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about her understanding of safeguarding, child protection and first aid.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including children's records and the childminder's policies.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.

Inspector

Amanda Perkin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder is highly reflective, strives for excellence and uses her knowledge and skills highly effectively to nurture children in their care and learning. The childminder is continuously looking for ways to improve outcomes for children even further. For example, she attended training, having recognised that she could do even more to enhance the youngest children's creative play. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of her role in keeping children safe. The childminder monitors children's learning successfully and plans for their individual needs extremely well.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is extremely skilled at what she does. She knows the children very well and has a highly accurate picture of each child's abilities and interests. She ensures children have plenty of time to follow their own interests and carefully guides their learning when appropriate; showing children how to form letters in their name and introducing different mathematical ideas into everyday activities. She ensures young children have lots of opportunities to listen to stories and develop their early language skills. She plans a range of outings that fully support what she does in her setting. The childminder identifies minor improvements she wants to make to her practices. For example, working with her co-provider, she is keen to look for other innovative and exciting ways to extend children's learning even further.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder meets children's care needs extremely well. She provides firm but caring guidance and supports their emotional needs highly effectively. For example, she plans activities around changes in children's lives, such as the arrival of a new baby brother or sister. The childminder has excellent arrangements for promoting an interest in healthy food and cooking. Children benefit from regular opportunities for them to cook and they thoroughly enjoy the jolly and sociable mealtimes where they practise using cutlery. The childminder promotes children's emotional well-being extremely well. Children listen intently at story times and tell visitors how much they love being in her home.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make rapid progress in their learning. They are very confident and develop highly effective self-care and independence skills. Children take part in highly engaging activities to support their understanding of the world and differences between themselves and others. Children have excellent opportunities to learn to recognise their names, solve mathematical problems and develop effective early writing skills. They gain the key skills they need to support their eventual move to school exceptionally well.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY253306
Local authority	Hillingdon
Inspection number	826541
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	21 September 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003. She works in partnership with her sister, another registered childminder, and minds from her co-childminder's house in Cowley, in the London Borough of Hillingdon. She offers care on Monday to Friday, all year round. She receives funding to provide free early education to children aged four years.

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