

Childminder Report

Inspection date

28 September 2015

Previous inspection date

9 September 2011

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder provides a good range of activities and play opportunities that promote all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The childminder allows children to lead their play and is effective in helping children to do their best. She provides demanding activities which engage and motivate children. This ensures that they want to learn and that they make good progress.
- Observation and assessments of children's learning are effective. They clearly identify what children learn and inform the planning of their next steps. Assessments provide an accurate overview of children's progress, which the childminder shares with parents.
- The childminder has strong relationships with children. She has a secure knowledge and understanding of their individual needs and provides a warm and nurturing environment in which children thrive.
- The childminder has good relationships with parents. She understands the importance of working together and using information they provide about their children's interests to plan future activities.
- The childminder has effective partnerships with other settings that children attend. She shares observations and assessments, which provide a consistent approach to learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not always have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding that numbers carry meaning, for example, through the use of numbers during their play.
- The childminder misses opportunities to develop children's self-help skills and their knowledge of healthy eating.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop opportunities for children to understand the meaning of numbers, for example, by planning activities to use numbers in their play
- develop opportunities for children to increase their self-confidence and their knowledge of healthy eating during mealtimes.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the indoor environment and the childminder's interactions with children.
- The inspector sampled the childminder's policies and procedures.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed children's development records and tracked their progress.
- The inspector viewed written feedback from parents to gain their feedback.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder keeps her knowledge and understanding of early years practice up to date. She attends courses and also researches new legislation. This ensures she is able to meet children's needs and all legal requirements. The childminder has made good progress since her last inspection. She continues to evaluate her provision and in the light of feedback from parents and children. The childminder provides interesting, challenging activities led by adults and exciting activities where children are free to make their own choices. The childminder makes accurate checks on children's progress. As a result, children make good progress in preparation for future learning. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a confident knowledge of her responsibilities in keeping children safe. Written documentation confirms her knowledge and makes parents aware of her role.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The quality of teaching is good. The childminder allows children choices in their activities but provides very good levels of extension to develop their ideas. For example, children enjoy dressing up as firefighters. The childminder provides hard hats, high visibility vests and 'fire engines' to race around on. Children shout with excitement that there is an emergency and they must put the fire out. Later on, children explore playdough and tell the childminder they are making birthday cakes with candles. This prompts the childminder to discuss the risks of fire and reinforce how to keep safe. The childminder listens carefully to children's conversations and asks an excellent range of questions which encourage children to think and develop their communication skills. Children benefit from a variety of opportunities to learn about their local community. The childminder promotes healthy lifestyles. For example, she plans a range of trips to adventure parks, soft play centres and country parks.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children explore the environment with confidence and play very well alongside each other. The childminder is enthusiastic; therefore children are keen learners and eager to take part. Consequently, children behave well. The childminder celebrates a range of religious festivals and traditions throughout the year. The childminder uses books and role play equipment to teach children about the wider world. This helps to develop children's knowledge and teaches them to respect other people's beliefs.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in all areas of learning. This is because the childminder takes time to get to know children and incorporates their interests into her planning. Therefore, children are interested and engage in activities.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY275311
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	847190
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	9 September 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Southwater, near Horsham in West Sussex. The childminder operates her service Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.15pm.

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