

Childminder Report

Inspection date

22 April 2015

Previous inspection date

23 November 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

- The childminder places a good focus on children's individual learning needs and involves parents in their learning. As a result, children enjoy a wide range of activities and make good progress in their learning and development.
- The childminder ensures children develop a clear understanding of the importance of good personal hygiene and healthy living.
- The childminder implements effective procedures to promote children's safety, health and well-being. She reinforces safety messages effectively with children, such as by practising the emergency evacuation with them. This helps children to develop their own awareness of keeping safe.
- The childminder has strong relationships with parents which help to ensure that she provides children with consistency in their care, to meet their individual needs.
- The childminder is very keen to improve her professional knowledge, and regularly seeks training and support. She recently attended training to support children with specific needs, in order to enhance their learning experiences.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not take all opportunities to fully develop children's early reading and writing skills, particularly during outdoor play. As a result, she does not promote this area of learning quite as well as others.
- The childminder does not take every opportunity to regularly provide children with creative resources. Therefore, she does not fully enable children to freely experiment with different colours, designs and textures.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend children's interest in early reading and writing, through a wider range of resources, particularly outdoors, to fully promote this area of learning
- extend opportunities for children to freely experiment with a range of creative learning activities, to fully promote their creative abilities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities and the childminder's interactions with the children.
- The inspector looked at a sample of relevant documentation, including children's records.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her practice.
- The inspector reviewed parents' feedback by sampling written documents.

Inspector

Yasmine Hurley

Inspection findings

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

The childminder promotes children's learning and development needs well. She uses good processes for assessing children's progress and ensures her planning covers all aspects of learning. As a result, children are fully engaged in purposeful play. They make good progress in their learning and development from their capabilities and interests on entry. The childminder uses good teaching methods to extend children's language and communication skills. For example, children had fun jumping up and down on the trampoline in the childminder's garden as she engaged them in conversation. She asked them purposeful questions to help them think and extend their vocabulary. The childminder promotes children's mathematical development well. She provides activities and resources that teach children to count, calculate and recognise numbers, colours and shapes. This helps them to make very good progress in preparation for school.

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

The childminder provides a relaxed, fun and homely environment that is thoroughly child centred. Children form strong emotional bonds with the childminder and they settle quickly in her care. The childminder is caring and attentive to their needs, which fosters their emotional and physical well-being. She provides clear, consistent boundaries and praises children often, which actively boosts their confidence and interest in learning. As a result, children are well behaved. The childminder promotes children's learning about the wider world well. She provides children with a range of multicultural resources, to develop their understanding of people's similarities and differences, through their everyday play. The childminder encourages children to develop independence in many basic skills to prepare them well for their next stage in learning and for school.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of her responsibility to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She knows what to do should she have a child protection concern about a child in her care. She is vigilant in her supervision of children and conducts effective risk assessments to help her identify potential hazards. The childminder has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements. She reflects well on her practice to improve the service she provides for children. She also identifies relevant training for her assistant, to support him in his role. The childminder evaluates her provision and monitors children's progress effectively, to ensure that any identified gaps in their learning are narrowing. She shares this information with parents and with staff at other settings involved with children, which helps to promote continuity in children's learning and care.

Setting details

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Local authority	Enfield
Inspection number	833766
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	23 November 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in the London Borough of Enfield. She works with an assistant and offers full-time and part-time care each weekday, from 6.30am to 7.15pm, throughout most of the year.

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