

Childminder Report

Inspection date

30 March 2017

Previous inspection date

18 June 2014

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 is very organised and displays a constant drive for improvement. She is reflective and accurately evaluates her provision. The childminder makes good use of the views of parents and children to improve her setting.
- Children display well-developed communication and language abilities. Young children talk about their interests and experiences using well-constructed sentences. The childminder asks thought-provoking questions that challenge children's thinking. Children make good progress in their learning and development.
- The childminder displays a very calm and caring nature. She provides a warm and welcoming environment. Children settle quickly and build very secure relationships with her. Children's emotional well-being is supported effectively.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. They are extremely complimentary about the quality of support the childminder provides. Parents particularly like the homeliness of the provision and the wide range of experiences their children enjoy.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, the childminder does not seize opportunities to further extend children's creative skills and their understanding of cause and effect when experimenting with different textures.
- The childminder does not consistently raise children's awareness of the impact that healthy eating and physical activity can have on their bodies.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make the most of all opportunities to extend children's thinking and creative skills during activities, developing further their understanding and use of different materials and textures
- strengthen children's understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children taking part in different activities.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector held several discussions with the childminder. She checked relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's self-evaluation. She took account of the views of parents spoken to during the inspection and from parents' written comments.

Inspector

Angela Sugden

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has undertaken child protection training and regularly updates her policies to take account of changes to legislation. She is aware of the importance of preventing children from being drawn into dangerous situations. The childminder identifies the possible signs of abuse and knows what action to take should an allegation be made against her. She has created an emergency evacuation plan and carries out risk assessments to further assure children's safety. Established partnerships with schools help to promote consistency for children. The childminder is proactive in developing her professional knowledge through training and discussions with colleagues. This has a positive impact on outcomes for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder is well qualified. She makes regular observations and accurate assessments of children's learning. These help her to establish what children can do and detect any gaps in their development. Children concentrate extremely well as they persist in filling containers with sand. The childminder ensures that children have plenty of time to explore and develop their imaginative ideas. Children manipulate dough using good hand control. They demonstrate their understanding as they identify the animals they make. Young children display well-developed listening and attention skills. They are very interested in the environment and are intrigued by the birdsong in the garden. The childminder is very responsive to children's immediate interests. For example, she further promotes their understanding when naming the different birds.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children demonstrate good body control and coordination as they dance enthusiastically. Their physical well-being is effectively supported. Boys talk confidently about seeing the frogs and frog spawn in the pond. Children develop a good understanding of the world around them. The childminder encourages children's independence very well. Young children confidently peel fruit when enjoying their snack. The childminder provides clear and consistent boundaries to help children understand what is expected of them. Children's behaviour is good. Children develop caring relationships with their friends.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning. They are extremely curious and motivated in their play. Children are developing their mathematical understanding. They are learning to count and understand the concept of adding one more. Young children's literacy skills are strong. They know how to use books and can repeat familiar stories using the pictures as prompts. Children are developing the skills and attitudes they need for the future, including when the time comes to start school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY296232
Local authority	Wakefield
Inspection number	1087209
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	18 June 2014
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Ossett, Wakefield. She operates her service all year round from 7am to 6pm on Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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