

Inspection date	26 February 2015
Previous inspection date	11 February 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder uses highly effective teaching methods to enhance children's learning. As a result, children make rapid progress in their learning and development. They are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning or the move to school.
- The childminder is highly skilled in motivating the children. She adapts to their individual ways of playing making sure that all children are fully included.
- The childminder is inspirational in the way she works with parents. She really values parents' input and has highly effective methods to involve them in their children's learning and development.
- The childminder plans an extensive range of activities and play opportunities in her welcoming home environment and in the community. She takes into account individual children's interests to maximise their learning.
- The childminder continually reflects on her practice and involves parents and children in helping her to identify accurately where she can improve. She completes relevant training, and has gained a recognised qualification. She uses her new knowledge successfully, so children receive extremely high-quality care and education.
- The childminder safeguards children extremely well. She places significant emphasis on keeping children healthy and safe. Even the youngest children follow good hygiene routines and benefit from lots of fresh air and outdoor exercise.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to crawl, tumble, roll and climb to develop their physical skills as well as possible.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the interaction with the childminder and the children in the lounge, dedicated playroom and dining room, and looked at the toys, resources and equipment available for children's use.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records, planning and assessment, and the policies and procedures, and discussed these with the childminder.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents through their written comments for the inspection.
- The inspector discussed how the childminder has addressed recommendations from the previous inspection, what training courses she has attended, and her plans for developing and improving her provision.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

Lorraine Sparey

Inspection findings

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

The enthusiastic childminder plans stimulating activities that inspire children's curiosity so they are keen to participate. The childminder successfully adapts activities to suit different children's needs. For example, children made birdfeeders using cones, peanut butter and birdseed. The younger children were encouraged to use their hands and older children confidently used spoons. This meant all achieved success, which boosted their self-esteem. The childminder uses questioning to extend children's learning. She encourages children to talk about their play experiences; for example, the textures, shapes and smells of items they handle. Her skilled teaching methods extend children's vocabularies. The childminder provides parents with a wide range of resources they can use at home to further support their children's learning. Children are highly motivated, confident learners.

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

Children are extremely relaxed with the childminder. She meets their individual physical needs extremely well. This care helps children build secure attachments with her quickly. The childminder has an extensive range of readily accessible, high-quality resources. This means children choose what they want to do so thoroughly enjoy their play. While the childminder provides a specific playroom for children's use, she has not considered different ways children can move their bodies when indoors, for instance by climbing over and under suitable objects. Children learn how to keep themselves safe particularly well when out and about. This is because the childminder walks everywhere with the children and teaches them carefully about road safety. Children act out their knowledge using the childminder's road-safety equipment to reinforce such learning. Children behave exceptionally well because the childminder gives clear praise. They show kindness to each other and they care for their environment.

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

The childminder understands her childminding responsibilities and implements requirements to an exceptionally high standard. She builds strong relationships with other early years settings that the children attend. This liaison enables her to effectively plan activities and play opportunities that complement children's learning elsewhere. The childminder's development plan focuses on areas that are likely to make a significant impact on children's experiences. For example, she plans to extend the playroom and develop the outside facilities following her recent house move. The children's assessment records are accurate and allow the childminder to check that children continue to make exceptional progress.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	11 February 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2005. She lives in Andover. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 3.

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