

Childminder Report

Inspection date

15 June 2015

Previous inspection date

29 January 2010

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 has established strong partnerships with parents and the schools that share the education of the children. There is a good exchange of relevant information that contributes to meeting children's learning and welfare needs effectively.
- The childminder observes and assesses children competently. She plans activities that build on the skills children are developing at school and at home. As a result, children continue to make good progress.
- Children enjoy plenty of exercise when they play in the garden. They develop good physical skills as they use the challenging outdoor play equipment.
- The childminder monitors and evaluates her planning and assessment effectively. She makes sure that her teaching and use of resources help all children make good progress.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder is not making full use of every opportunity to extend children's understanding of growth and change in the natural world.

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 increasing awareness of the natural world by providing further experiences where they find out how things grow and change.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the outdoor area.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records and other relevant documentation.
- The inspector discussed childcare practices with the childminder and reviewed her improvement plans.
- The inspector looked at safety in the setting and discussed safeguarding procedures with the childminder.

Inspector

Alison Weaver

Inspection findings

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

The childminder creates a welcoming and homely environment where children learn as they play. Children have access to a wide variety of resources that interest them. They show they are independent and confident when they make choices and decisions about their play. The childminder focuses well on providing resources that provide the right level of challenge for children. She interacts effectively with children to extend their thinking and imagination. For example, the childminder introduces words, such as 'nocturnal'. She explains what the word means and encourages children to make suggestions of what animals they think are nocturnal. Children are confident speakers who readily share their experiences and thoughts. They describe what they are doing as they act out scenarios in the play house. Children increase their writing skills when they draw on the paving slabs outside and write their names. They develop the skills they need to move successfully on to the next stage in their learning.

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

Children form strong emotional bonds with the childminder as she is kind, caring and friendly. Children show that they feel safe and secure in her care. The childminder praises children and celebrates their achievements. This builds their self-esteem. She teaches children good manners. Children develop good social skills as they learn to share and take turns. They happily play with friends of all ages and form firm friendships. Children adopt healthy lifestyles and good personal hygiene practices. The childminder teaches them about the importance of exercise and healthy eating. She reinforces children's awareness of how to stay safe and helps them learn to manage risks.

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

The childminder implements the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage effectively. She recognised that she needed to update her childcare knowledge and practices following a recent career break. As a result, the childminder completed a refresher course on safeguarding procedures. This reinforced her awareness of what to do if she has a child protection concern. The childminder also accessed individual support and training from her local authority. This helped the childminder increase her understanding of how to observe and assess children accurately. The childminder now focuses successfully on planning and tailoring activities to meet children's individual needs. The childminder makes good use of improvement plans to identify and address areas for development that benefit children. She has a good understanding of how to adapt safety precautions to meet the differing needs of individual children. This enables children to move around safely and independently.

Setting details

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Local authority	East Sussex
Inspection number	834076
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	29 January 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2005. She lives in Eastbourne, East Sussex. The childminder offers care all day from Monday to Friday, all year round.

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