

Inspection date	9 March 2015
Previous inspection date	15 October 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 teaches young children the key skills they need to promote their future learning. She plans a wide range of activities across the seven areas of learning. This provides children with a variety of experiences and opportunities for them to make good progress.
- The childminder uses observation and assessment to effectively identify individual children's levels of achievement. She has a good understanding of how to support and plan for children's next steps in learning and development, helping them to make good all-round progress.
- The safeguarding and welfare requirements are fully understood by the childminder through clear and well-written policies and procedures, which are embedded in the children's daily routine to ensure they stay safe.
- The childminder sensitively settles children into the provision and builds secure emotional attachments with them. Consequently, children are self-motivated, secure and safe.
- The childminder ensures children behave well. She is a good role model and helps them to understand about turn taking and being kind to one another.
- Parental partnerships are strong. Parents are very happy with the service their children receive. They speak highly of the childminder and the difference she has made to their children's learning and development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not always have enough opportunities to use their senses to explore natural resources and different materials in the outdoor environment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to explore natural resources, particularly to extend their interest in the garden.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including qualifications, suitability checks for all adults, a selection of policies and procedures and children's learning records.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through discussions on the day and by reviewing written feedback from parent surveys and letters.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.

Inspector

Ann Gudde

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a good understanding of how children learn and develop. As a result, children are motivated to learn across all seven areas of learning. She supports children's language and communication well. For example, she converses with the children, introducing new words, and encourages them to name the various colours and shades when playing a musical instrument. The children's early ability to recognise numbers as numerals or extend their counting skills is maximised by the childminder, as they count together during their play with small-world toys. The childminder ensures a good range of numbers are displayed and share books with numbers. This means children are well prepared for their next steps in education. In the garden, the childminder provides the children with a good range of toys to expand their physical development. However, she does not provide opportunities for them to explore natural resources to extend their interest in digging and planting in the garden. The childminder regularly shares information with parents about the children's learning and keeps them fully informed.

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

Children are settled in the childminder's care because the settling-in processes are based around their individual needs. The childminder gathers good levels of information from parents when children are new and uses this well to plan for their next steps. Children's safety is a priority. They learn how to evacuate the premises by practising the fire drill and how to cross the road safely. The childminder encourages children to share toys with each other, such as puppets as they plan a show. This helps to develop children's ability to play cooperatively with others. Children get daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise, which contributes to their good health and physical well-being. For example, they go on regular trips to the park where they develop their physical skills by climbing on the large pieces of equipment. These experiences enable children to take risks in their play, build their confidence as well as prepare them for their move to nursery and school.

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

The childminder has undertaken courses to improve observation, assessment and monitoring of the children. This has enhanced her ability to create next steps, and effectively monitors children's learning and development to ensure they make good progress. Therefore, she uses knowledge gained from courses to support children's learning and development. She implements effective policies and practices to support her practice and to ensure that children remain safe in her care. She regularly seeks the views of children and parents and uses these in her planning. The childminder is committed to providing a good quality provision for the children and their parents. She implements effective systems for evaluating what is working and what needs to improve.

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	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	15 October 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2005. She lives in Maidenhead, Berkshire. There is level access to the premises.

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