

Childminder Report

Inspection date

12 August 2015

Previous inspection date

15 January 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 ensures children's safety is given high priority. She has an excellent understanding about child protection issues and the procedures to follow if she has any concerns. She regularly completes training to keep her knowledge up to date.
- The quality of teaching is consistently outstanding. The childminder provides an exceptional range of superb learning experiences inside and outside. As a result, children are confident, highly motivated to learn and relish their time at this setting.
- Parents play an active role in the childminder's planning and assessment arrangements. Assessments are precise and used skilfully to aid planning. As a result every child makes rapid progress and is well prepared for the next stage of their learning and for school.
- Partnerships with parents are exceptional and fully promote and complement children's individual care needs. The childminder keeps parents well informed of their children's activities through use of informative diaries and learning records. These are also effective in supporting parents to extend children's learning at home.
- The childminder effectively supports children's understanding of good health and well-being. Children take part in a wealth of activities which positively promote their physical development extremely well.
- The childminder actively pursues a programme of professional development and has completed a level 3 qualification since her last inspection. This further enhances her already exceptional knowledge and skills so that children receive excellent care and education.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend activities further to enhance children's already good understanding of how things grow.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and observed children playing.
- The inspector made a joint observation of an activity with the childminder and discussed children's development.
- The inspector looked at children's development records, a selection of policies, children's records and evidence of suitability.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the information provided in the childminder's self-evaluation document and written references from parents.

Inspector

Hazel Farrant

Inspection findings

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

Children thrive in this excellent setting. They are extremely happy, settled and motivated to learn. The childminder provides a wonderful range of resources and activities linked to children's current interests and learning needs. Children's language, communication and literacy skills are developing exceptionally well. They show high levels of concentration as they listen attentively to a story and draw pictures of the animals featured in the book. They confidently tell the childminder the words that rhyme together. The childminder uses every opportunity to encourage children to practise their early writing skills using an abundant range of resources. Older children recognise letters and words and use these skills exceptionally well when choosing resources and tools. Children thoroughly enjoy learning about the natural world; they grow flowers and study insects. Through self-evaluation, the childminder realises that children's knowledge of growth can be enhanced further, to help consolidate their understanding.

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

Children form exceptionally secure emotional bonds with this kind and caring childminder, her family and other children. The childminder uses every opportunity to promote children's independence during routines of the day. For example, children confidently prepare their own fresh fruit kebabs. They expertly use child safe knives and have an excellent understanding of the importance of eating healthy foods. As a result, children are able to keep themselves safe and follow healthy lifestyles. Children's behaviour is exemplary; they are kind and caring. The childminder teaches children about similarities and differences, through discussions and engaging in activities in the community. As a result, children develop a strong understanding and respect for others.

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

The childminder is extremely dedicated and professional, and she implements the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage extremely well. She monitors and reviews every aspect of her provision and is strongly committed and enthusiastic towards making continuous improvements. The childminder is part of a recognised network of quality assured childminders. She welcomes visits from the network coordinator to help her continually make improvements and enhance her already exemplary provision. The childminder uses information from other early years settings in her planning, so that children continue to make excellent progress. She knows where to seek support from other professionals if required, so that children's individual needs are met exceptionally well.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY334939
Local authority	Bracknell Forest
Inspection number	847627
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	15 January 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2006 and lives in Binfield, Bracknell, Berkshire. She holds a level 3 childcare qualification. The childminder's provision operates from Monday to Friday, for most of the year.

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