

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 June 2015

Previous inspection date

14 December 2011

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 provides a wide range of good-quality resources and activities overall, to extend children's development and motivate them to learn. As a result, children make good progress in their learning.
- The childminder prepares healthy meals and snacks that meet children's dietary requirements and help them develop good eating habits. She shares her menus with the parents.
- The childminder has good relationships with parents to provide children with consistency in their care and meet their individual needs.
- The childminder ensures children develop a good understanding of the importance of good personal hygiene to promote their physical health and well-being.
- The childminder is keen to improve her professional knowledge and regularly seeks training and support. She has attended training to support children with specific needs to help improve their learning experiences.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses opportunities at times to extend children's early knowledge of mathematics fully, in particular their understanding of basic concepts, such as counting, calculating and identifying shapes and colours.
- The childminder does not consistently use all opportunities to encourage children to explore print in some everyday situations to extend their early literacy skills further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend everyday opportunities for children to develop their mathematical skills, in particular simple calculation, and the recognition of shapes and colours to promote their learning further
- increase opportunities for children to strengthen their early reading skills by enabling them to see written text in different forms during everyday activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities and the childminder's interactions with the children.
- The inspector looked at a sample of relevant documentation, including children's records.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her practice.
- The inspector reviewed parents' feedback by sampling written documents.

Inspector

Yasmine Hurley

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 the learning and development requirements. She uses highly effective processes for assessing children's progress and ensures her planning covers all aspects of learning. As a result, children are fully engaged in purposeful play based on their interests and overall make good progress from their capabilities on entry. The childminder uses good teaching techniques to challenge children's growing communication skills. She interacts well with them during their play, asking relevant questions that make them think. For example, children had fun playing with the soil in the garden and the childminder engaged them in conversation, teaching them about different animals and insects. This prepares children well for their future learning and for when they move on to school. The childminder promotes children's physical skills well. For example, they enjoy exploring in the childminder's garden as they learn to balance and climb. Additionally, they develop good social and emotional skills as they engage in role-play scenarios, explore with toy people, pretend kitchen equipment and dolls.

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

Children form strong emotional bonds with the childminder. They approach her for cuddles and display a good sense of belonging in the childminder's home. The childminder ensures children develop independence in many basic skills, including managing their personal care needs. For example, they help to tidy up and independently put on their own shoes. This helps children to prepare well for the next stage in their learning. The childminder is consistent in her routines and in the ways she manages children's behaviour. She is a good role model and plays alongside children, helping them to learn the skills they need to share, take turns and behave well. Consequently, children are well behaved and learn good social skills. The childminder has a good understanding of how to promote children's health and well-being. Children benefit from regular trips to the park, farm and children's playgroups to develop their physical and social skills, as well as develop positive attitudes to the diverse community.

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

The childminder has a secure understanding of her responsibility to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She is vigilant in her supervision of children and knows what to do should she have a child protection concern about a child in her care. The childminder evaluates her practice effectively. She has met the recommendations from the last inspection, showing good drive for improvement. The childminder monitors children's progress well to ensure that any identified gaps in their learning are narrowing. She works effectively with parents and regularly shares children's achievements with them.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY347093
Local authority	Enfield
Inspection number	835178
Type of provision	Childminder
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	14 December 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in the EN1 postcode area of the London Borough of Enfield. She offers full-time and part-time care each weekday, from 7.30am to 7pm, throughout most of the year.

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