

Childminder Report

Inspection date

18 May 2015

Previous inspection date

7 July 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 is caring, affectionate and sensitive to the needs of babies and young children. This helps them to build strong attachments and settle well into her care.
- Children are confident and motivated to learn. They learn to be independent and enjoy doing things for themselves.
- The childminder has developed her skills and knowledge by seeking training opportunities and undertaking an early years degree. She applies her skills effectively to promote children's learning.
- The childminder works in partnership with parents to ensure that she meets the needs of the children. The childminder and parents exchange useful information to provide continuity of care for the children and to involve parents in their children's learning.
- The childminder safeguards children well. She conducts thorough risk assessments of the childcare environment which helps to keep children safe.
- The childminder evaluates the effectiveness of her practice and has clear plans for improvements to ensure that she promotes good outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not consistently provide opportunities for children to see their home languages in print, to enhance their communication and language skills.
- The childminder has not yet fully developed opportunities for children to use the good range of resources that encourage them to use their imaginations and express their creativity 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:

- enhance children's communication and language development by providing more opportunities for them to see their home languages in print as they play and learn
- develop further the opportunities for children to use the good range of resources to express their imaginations and curiosity in the outdoor environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the childminder's interactions with the children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents by reading their feedback on questionnaires.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including policies and procedures, risk assessments, children's progress records and planning.

Inspector

Jennifer Forbes

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides challenging activities that promote children's learning, appropriate to their ages and stages of development. She provides interesting natural materials for babies to explore, and toys that help to develop their hand and finger muscles. For example, babies explore and examine a toy hammer; they hammer pegs into round holes then take them out and put them back while the childminder talks to them about the colours and counts them. These experiences support babies' physical development and promote their language and concentration. This type of activity helps children to learn the skills they need to grip a pencil, in preparation for learning to write, and also teaches them early mathematical concepts. The childminder responds to babies' babbling and makes good eye contact to maintain their interest. She understands how children's needs change as they grow older. She provides resources and activities to ensure children are prepared well for their future learning at school.

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

The childminder provides a warm, comfortable and nurturing home environment where babies and young children feel safe and secure. She works closely in partnership with parents to ensure she meets children's individual needs. Sleeping facilities are safe and cosy. Babies chuckle when the childminder interacts playfully with them. The childminder provides children with healthy and balanced diets. Older children learn to prepare their own food ready for cooking. Children are safe in the childminder's care because she understands how to protect them and how to report any concerns about their well-being. The childminder takes babies and young children out daily for fresh air and exercise. They go to the park and museums, and enjoy music sessions at the library. The childminder takes children into the local community where they can socialise and meet people from a variety of backgrounds.

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

The childminder has a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands how children learn and encourages their imaginations and creativity, particularly when playing indoors. She has addressed the recommendations from her previous inspection by undertaking specific training and by working closely with the local authority development team. The childminder observes the children in her care and assesses the next stages in their learning. She monitors children's progress in a variety of ways to ensure she is meeting their needs in all areas. The childminder works with parents and other professionals to ensure good outcomes for children and support for families. Parents complete questionnaires which help the childminder to reflect on her practice and develop clear action plans for future improvements.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hackney
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	1
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	7 July 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in the Haggerston area in the London Borough of Hackney. She operates Monday to Friday, from 7am until 9pm, throughout most of the year.

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