

Childminder Report

Inspection date

20 August 2015

Previous inspection date

13 October 2008

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

- Children's safety is a priority. The childminder has an outstanding knowledge of safeguarding and what to do if she has any child protection concerns. Her home provides an extremely safe environment for children to explore and thrive in. For example, she ensures children's safety around mobile phones and laptops when visitors are in the home.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Children use an abundant selection of toys and activities that support all areas of learning and help them make outstanding progress. However, there is slightly less use of opportunities for children to use their early writing skills during art and craft activities.
- The childminder makes extensive use of the local parks and the communal garden to provide children with excellent opportunities to engage in physical play and exercise.
- There is a highly positive relationship with parents. The childminder keeps them very well-informed about their child's development in a number of ways. This includes the use of two-way communication books and sharing regular development progress sheets.
- The childminder has exceptional relationships with the children. She is extremely attentive to their needs, and they seek her out for affection and to play with.
- Children are particularly well-prepared for school. The childminder ensures they learn essential skills and prepares activities for them to complete at home. This provides extra support and involves their parents. She shares information with the new setting so that they gain a very good understanding of the child.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop opportunities for children to explore their early writing skills more in the daily routine, to extend their creativity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and planning documentation.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her self- evaluation.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an outstanding knowledge of how children learn and provides an exciting range of stimulating learning opportunities. Children excitedly move from one interesting activity to another, which keeps them fully engaged in their learning. For example, young children relish in a hide and seek game using the ball pool. The childminder makes the most of every opportunity to help children learn. For example, during nappy changes, she sings to them and talks about farm animals and the noises they make. Children thoroughly enjoy these interactions as they laugh and join in with her. The childminder is skilful as she introduces numbers and colour recognition into all parts of children's daily routine. For example, as they talk about the colours of beakers and plates. The childminder thoroughly assesses children's development, which means she quickly recognises and meets any potential learning needs promptly.

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

The childminder provides young children with exceptional opportunities throughout the day to build their confidence and independence. They play an important part in the daily routine and easily select toys. For example, young children use a 'toy choosing book' to communicate to the childminder about what they want. Children help keep the environment tidy and behave extremely well. The childminder continually praises their achievements, which means children feel valued and develop high self-esteem. Young children learn very good hygiene routines by washing their hands after nappy changes. The childminder makes excellent use of local play groups and libraries to provide young children with highly effective social experiences. As a result, young children are extremely confident and start to form strong friendships.

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

The childminder rigorously monitors her practice to target areas for improvements. She gains regular, detailed feedback from parents to help her with this process. The childminder has made many improvements to her provision since her last inspection. These significantly improve and enrich children's experiences. For example, she implemented a highly successful planning and assessment process to check children make outstanding progress. The childminder has completed an exceptional amount of training that provides children with exceptional play and learning ideas. She has an outstanding understanding of new legislation and readily includes this in her daily practices. The childminder implements extensive policies and procedures that support her already excellent practice. She shares these effectively with parents so they have an exceptional awareness of her practices.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY364166
Local authority	Richmond upon Thames
Inspection number	838025
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	13 October 2008
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2007 and lives in the London Borough of Richmond. She offers care Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, for most of the year.

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