

Childminder Report

Inspection date

28 July 2015

Previous inspection date

8 April 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 quality of teaching is good. The childminder is well qualified and has a good knowledge of the learning and development requirements. This has a positive impact on the learning experiences she offers. As a result, all children make good progress in their learning and development.
- Children's behaviour is very good. They follow instructions with ease, such as taking turns playing games and listening to their friends. This helps children to have caring attitudes towards each other and value each other's contributions.
- The childminder gives high priority to children's safety in the home, garden and when on outings. In addition, she has a secure knowledge about the procedures to follow should she have any concerns about the welfare of a child in her care.
- Children are very settled and secure with the childminder. This is because she knows each child's individual needs well. As result, their emotional needs are very well met.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although the childminder informs parents of children's progress, she does not fully involve them in the planning for their child's next steps for learning. In addition, she has not made the most of the links with the local school. As a result, although children make good progress they do not necessarily receive consistent support between the different environments.
- The childminder does not always consider training opportunities to complement and extend her good knowledge of how children learn and develop.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop ways of working more closely with parents and the other settings children attend to plan for children's progress and ensure children receive consistent support
- extend knowledge of how children learn by identifying a broader range of training opportunities that are targeted on specific aspects of children's learning and development, to raise the quality of teaching further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector completed observations of the childminder and children in the home and garden, including a joint observation.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection regarding her practice and the arrangements for observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector checked the documentation the childminder uses to support her practices.
- The inspector discussed and read the self-evaluation document.
- The inspector read parents feedback forms.

Inspector

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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. As a result, she plans an exciting range of activities to support their overall good progress. The childminder assesses children's abilities and checks their progress through regular observation. She then uses this information to plan for each child next steps for learning. The childminder promotes children's communication especially well through many conversations. For example, the childminder continually talks to children as they hunt for bugs and insects in the garden, extending their vocabulary and asking relevant questions. This encourages them to extend their learning. Children are very interested in playing games and learn about how to take turns and understand the rules of each game. This supports children's future skills and readiness for school as they develop tolerance and respect for each other.

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

The childminder is sensitive to children's emotional development and provides many experiences for them to develop confidence and self-esteem. This includes weekly visits to places of interest such as toddler groups where children learn to play and socialise. The childminder closely supervises the children but allows them to develop their independence by encouraging them to try things for themselves. For example, she encourages independence in using the bathroom for children about to start school. The childminder helps children to learn about leading healthy lifestyles. They enjoy healthy snacks and packed lunches and are very capable in feeding themselves. The childminder provides parents with daily verbal feedback and uses daily diaries which enable them to add their comments.

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

The childminder strives to continually improve the service that she provides and has successfully addressed her previous recommendation. She has developed her planning and assesses the success of activities. This helps her to meet children's individual needs and monitor their progress well. The childminder holds a relevant childcare qualification which supports her consistently good teaching. Currently, she reflects on her practice and develops her knowledge and skills through online websites and by sharing good practice with other childminders. The childminder seeks parents written views on a regular basis. Parental comments demonstrate parents are extremely happy with the service she provides.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hillingdon
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Type of provision	Childminder
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Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	8 April 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Ickenham in the London Borough of Hillingdon. The childminder is available to work Monday to Friday, all year round, except for family holidays and bank holidays.

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