

Childminder Report

Inspection date

1 June 2015

Previous inspection date

13 January 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 childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation framework. She confidently implements the requirements, promoting positive outcomes for children.
- Children enjoy a welcoming learning environment where their individual needs are well met.
- The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding issues and regularly risk assesses her home. She has clear procedures for reporting any concerns about children and sensitively supports children to manage their own safety.
- The childminder supports children's personal, social and emotional, and language development well and, as a result, children become capable and confident learners.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not always receive many opportunities to experience creative experiences such as sand, water and play dough.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to experience different textures and materials as part of their everyday creative play experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed interactions between the childminder and children in the indoor play environment.
- The inspector engaged in discussions with the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of written documents including children's learning journeys and the childminder's written policies and procedures.
- The inspector sought parents' views from completed parent questionnaires.

Inspector

Samantha Smith

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 competent understanding of the learning and development requirements and she effectively promotes children's learning. She provides a stimulating learning environment where children independently access a range of toys and play equipment. Children enjoy a good balance of child-led and adult-initiated activities. The childminder engages well in their play through her calm, supportive and encouraging interactions. Children develop good language skills. The childminder provides a continuous narrative through discussions, reading stories and modelling good language. Older children learn that writing has meaning as they enjoy opportunities to practise their writing skills in different areas of their play. The childminder regularly observes children and uses her observations to successfully monitor and assess the progress that they make.

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

Children are very happy and settled in this warm and nurturing environment. They benefit from the positive relationships that they have developed with the childminder and her family. The childminder is responsive to children's needs and they enjoy her company and respond well to her praise and encouragement. Children are confident and develop their independence. Children gain skills for the future and older children are well prepared for moving on to school. They learn to manage their personal needs and take responsibility for small tasks such as setting the tables and sometimes helping to prepare their lunches. The childminder works well with parents to ensure that children have continuity of care. She responds well to their individual routines and plans for children's interests from the observations parents provide.

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

The childminder is well organised and manages her setting well overall. Safeguarding arrangements are firmly in place and contribute towards the safe and efficient running of her setting. The childminder regularly reflects on her practice to identify areas of strength and possible areas for improvement. She demonstrates a positive attitude towards continuously improving her practice and she has met the recommendations from the last inspection. The childminder responds well to local authority advice and guidance. She has completed all mandatory training and continues to identify other relevant training to support her in improving the quality of her practice.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hackney
Inspection number	829236
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	13 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in April 2008. She lives in central Hackney in the London Borough of Hackney. The childminder cares for children four days a week from 7.30am to 6.30pm, excluding Thursday.

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