

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 April 2015

Previous inspection date

21 April 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	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		Requires improvement	3
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Requires improvement	3
The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- Some of the childminder's practices do not promote children's good health well enough. She does not use suitable, hygienic facilities for changing children who are in nappies. In addition, she has not established effective hygiene practices when promoting hand washing routines for children.
- The childminder does not always build on children's early reading and writing skills in the outdoor environment. As a result, children's interests in literacy are not always extended.
- Systems for self-evaluation are not fully developed. As a result, the childminder does not identify areas for improvement to support children's care and learning needs.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder has a secure understanding of how to identify children's starting points. This enables her to observe, plan and carry out assessments to meet children's individual needs well.
- The childminder has good relationships with parents, which ensures children get the support they need to make good progress in their development.
- Children have good relationships with each other and the childminder, so they settle well and enjoy their play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- improve hygiene arrangements by ensuring there are suitable changing facilities for children who are in nappies and by promoting hand washing before snacks and meals.

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

- make the most of all opportunities to develop children's early reading and writing skills further in the outdoor environment, as part of the daily routine
- make better use of ongoing self-evaluation to clearly identify areas for development and improvement, to support children's care and learning needs.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home and in the garden.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including children's records, planning documentation, policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability and qualifications.

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

Children are developing at a good pace, and benefit from fun activities, which maintain their interest. For example, children enjoy spending long periods of time playing in the sand tray with miniature farm animals. The childminder uses good questioning techniques, which enable children to think and learn. Discussions lead to the childminder promoting children's understanding of the world. She extends their knowledge of animal names and the sounds they make. However, the childminder does not take all opportunities to extend children's early reading and writing skills further in the outdoor environment. Nonetheless, children have good opportunities to develop their communication and language skills. The childminder uses plenty of descriptive language as she interacts with children during their play. Younger children are supported extremely well, as they repeat words and learn new vocabulary. As a result, all children are able to participate in social conversations during play routines. This maximises their learning and prepares them well for their next stage of learning.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children requires improvement

The childminder provides a welcoming environment for children. Children have access to a garden area that has a variety of outdoor play equipment. This promotes their physical exercise. Children are developing the skills to avoid obstacles and to climb confidently on and off play equipment. The childminder provides suitably healthy snacks. However, she does not always establish effective hygiene practices for changing children's nappies and hand washing. Other than this, the childminder is effective in promoting children's safety and reducing risks. Children learn how to keep themselves safe. For example, the childminder carries out fire drills regularly to encourage children to become familiar with the procedure, as some children are sensitive to the noise.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision requires improvement

The childminder has a fair knowledge of the requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. Safeguarding procedures are clear and the childminder understands her role and responsibilities to protect children from harm. She has a thorough knowledge of possible indicators that may raise concerns and carefully monitors children. The childminder has not fully addressed her self-evaluation process since the last inspection. This means that she has not identified the weaknesses in some aspects of her provision. Nevertheless, the childminder has established working partnerships with other professionals. This has a positive impact on children's learning. The childminder attends training courses that help to improve her practice and outcomes for children.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hillingdon
Inspection number	1009145
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	21 April 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in Harefield within the London Borough of Hillingdon. The childminder offers care all day, Monday to Friday.

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