

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 August 2015

Previous inspection date

9 February 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

- Children are kept safe from harm because the childminder understands the role that she plays with regards to child protection. She has attended the required safeguarding training, which means that she is clear about what action she should take should she have any concerns about a child in her care.
- Children engage in activities with motivation and enthusiasm. The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. She provides a range of learning opportunities to meet children's individual needs and interests.
- The childminder promotes children's well-being. She holds a current paediatric first-aid certificate and has the knowledge and skills to meet children's needs in the event of an accident or an emergency.
- The childminder works closely with parents. She exchanges information about children's prior and ongoing learning, which helps to ensure that children make good progress.
- The childminder understands the importance of evaluating her provision to ensure ongoing improvements are implemented. She reviews her policies and procedures on a regular basis to help strengthen her practice.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not have links with all of the schools that children are due to move on to.
- The childminder has not identified ways to build further on her good practice and knowledge, in order to provide the very best experiences for all children in her care.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make links with all of the schools that children are due to attend so that information is shared in a timely way
- extend the established programme of professional development to continually enhance knowledge and practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in a range of learning activities, play and care routines.
- The inspector observed children playing indoors and outside.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and a range of other documentation.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's training and evaluation methods.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children during the inspection.

Inspector

Julia Galloway

Inspection findings

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

The childminder promotes children's learning successfully because she gets to know them well. She uses what she knows about children's interests to encourage them to take part in activities. Her teaching style is good. She has a calm and friendly manner and she joins in with what children are doing. Her positive approach encourages children to investigate and explore their surroundings. She plans a variety of educational outings that help children to learn about the world around them. For example, children readily recall information about the natural world after a trip to an aquarium. Children develop essential skills for future learning, such as asking questions and solving problems. This ensures that they are prepared for the move to school. The childminder encourages children to find out information for themselves. She promotes their creativity by providing a range of opportunities for them to design and make their own creations. The childminder has established links with most of the schools and settings that children are due to attend. However, she has not yet established effective links with all of the establishments children are preparing to move on to.

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

The childminder provides children with daily opportunities to play outside where they can be more active. She understands the importance of supporting children's physical development and ensures they have opportunities to run around and explore the garden throughout the day. Children are developing excellent independence skills as they confidently make choices about what they would like to do. Resources are laid out so that children can easily select what they want to play with. Children are learning about the importance of keeping themselves safe, which helps to ensure their well-being. For example, they know to ask for permission before going into the garden, as they are aware that the childminder keeps them safe by supervising them closely at all times. Older and younger children play well together because the childminder encourages cooperative play. Children appear settled in the childminder's home because they receive warm and affectionate care at all times. This promotes their emotional well-being.

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

The childminder holds a level 3 childcare qualification and uses her knowledge about the ways children develop to support her practice. She observes children and then assesses the progress that they are making. She ensures her knowledge and skills are kept up to date by attending regular training. However, the childminder has not explored ways to enhance her teaching and knowledge even further, in order to improve on her good quality practice. Risk assessments are carried out to minimise any dangers to children. This means that the environment is safe and secure.

Setting details

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Local authority	Worcestershire
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Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 17
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	9 February 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2008 and lives in Stoke Prior, Worcestershire. She operates from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, with the exception of Thursdays when she is closed. She holds a relevant childcare qualification at level 3.

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