

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 July 2015

Previous inspection date

24 November 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 lovely relationship with the children in her care. They are happy and confident in her home and have a good sense of belonging.
- The childminder has strong relationships with the children's parents and the local nursery that the children attend. She works in partnership to share children's learning and assessment, which helps to provide a consistent approach to their care and learning.
- The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding children and of what to do if she has any concerns for a child's welfare. She also understands the procedures to follow if someone was to make an allegation against her. These procedures help to keep children safe.
- The childminder supports children to gain the skills they need for future learning. She has strong partnerships with local teachers and shares essential information so that children have a smooth move to school.
- The childminder demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting high-quality provision. She has completed a level 3 qualification since her last inspection, which has helped her to enhance the learning experiences she offers children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always follow good hygiene practices when changing nappies, which puts children at risk of cross infection.
- The childminder does not always build on children's understanding of colours and shapes to enhance their mathematical and artistic development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- ensure the areas used for nappy changing are cleaned to prevent cross infection
- expand children's understanding of colours and shapes to enhance their mathematical and artistic development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at a sample of the childminder's documentation.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of the childminder's interactions with the children.
- The inspector looked at the areas of the home used by the children.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides children with a good range of toys and resources to support their learning and development. She ensures they are in easy reach for the children so that they can be independent and make choices. Young children develop their imaginations as they role play home experiences with a toy kitchen. The childminder talks to the children about what they are doing and introduces new words to them. She repeats words back that children say and, as a result, children make good progress in their communication and language development. The childminder introduces basic counting to young children. For example, she counts stacking toys with the children as they build with them. The childminder is attentive to individual children's needs. She supports their routines and provides comforters at times when they need them, such as sleep times.

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

The childminder uses sensitive settling-in arrangements to suit each child and their family to help them settle. Regular communication provides reassurance for parents, and children settle quickly. The childminder praises children constantly for their achievements, and they seek her out to share their experiences. As a result, children are confident and their self-esteem develops well with the childminder. Children have opportunities to be active and engage in physical activity both in the garden and on outings to local parks. She supports their healthy lifestyles with healthy home-cooked meals. The childminder ensures children are safe when out. She introduces road safety so children understand how to be safe near roads. Children benefit from spending time at local playgroups and other childminders that help to build their social skills and confidence.

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

The childminder has a secure knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. She evaluates what works well and areas to improve, and identifies training to enhance her practice. She has kept her knowledge up to date and has learnt new skills. She now has a good understanding of how to promote children's learning in all areas. Therefore, children make good progress in their learning and development. The childminder is committed to providing good-quality provision for children and their parents. She gains feedback from parents through questionnaires and has implemented changes to feedback forms for children's learning journals. She monitors how well children progress and updates their parents. The childminder has detailed policies and procedures that she effectively implements to support her good practice. She shares these with parents to provide them with more information about the service and to promote their understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY393078
Local authority	Richmond upon Thames
Inspection number	1016448
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	24 November 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in Twickenham, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. The childminder offers care between 8am and 6pm but is flexible for parents' needs. The childminder has a level 3 qualification.

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