

Childminder Report

Inspection date

19 October 2016

Previous inspection date

8 January 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The childminder is well-qualified and extremely knowledgeable about her work. She skilfully nurtures children to help them to achieve at the highest level.
- The childminder and her assistants interact extremely well with children. They respect children's views and enable children to make choices and fully participate in their learning experiences. This helps to raise children's enthusiasm and confidence.
- The childminder has a rich variety of exciting toys, equipment and resources, which stimulate children's interest and enthusiasm to learn.
- The childminder plans unusual outings to interesting places, such as castles and the seaside, to give children a fresh approach to learning. She also involves children in community activities such as harvest festival. These visits are shared with parents so they can continue children's learning at home.
- The childminder has high standards of safety in her home and outdoors. Her assistants follow rigorous safety procedures. For example, they carry out in-depth safety checks, and the childminder regularly monitors their knowledge of how to keep children safe.
- The childminder thoroughly evaluates her provision. She draws on the ideas of the children in her care and other early years professionals to improve her service. She skilfully monitors her assistants' practice and encourages their participation in activities, such as by training them to help raise their expertise.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- take every opportunity to build on the already excellent teaching practice to maintain the provision of inspirational learning experiences for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children participating in activities and assessed the impact of teaching on children's learning.
- The inspector carried out a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, one of her assistants and the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability checks and that of her assistants.
- The inspector took account of parents' views from their written comments and feedback to the childminder.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder is extremely passionate about her provision and endeavours to continually offer children and families an exceptional service. She actively seeks out new opportunities to learn and aims to increase the present excellent partnership with parents and others to maintain her outstanding practice. Training, such as supporting children's communication, enables the childminder to give children excellent support in their early talking. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a thorough knowledge of how to protect children's welfare. She ensures her assistants follow exact procedures to help keep children safe from harm and radical views that may undermine their well-being.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder skilfully adapts her planning and teaching to cater for each child's needs, abilities, ways of learning and interests. Her regular review of children's progress and her close collaboration with parents enable her to promptly address any concerns about a child's development. Children thoroughly enjoy the exciting resources and the rich and varied activities that the childminder provides. Young children build their concentration and dexterity, such as when pouring rice into different containers. Older children learn to recognise differences in shapes and sizes. Children practise moving in different ways and run with enthusiasm outdoors. They recognise garden creatures, such as worms and spiders, and enjoy the added challenge, for example, of counting legs and body parts.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder meticulously obtains details about the children and families from the start. This supports her and her assistants to personalise children's care exceptionally well. The childminder encourages kindness and children behave extremely well. Resources such as visual displays of different moods help the childminder to accurately anticipate how children feel. She uses this knowledge to build on their understanding of differences in others. For example, children share family photographs and learn about festivals, such as celebrating harvest festival and delivering food to the elderly. Children enjoy outdoor play and visiting places such as an allotment where they pick and eat vegetables and fruits. This helps children to understand about keeping healthy and safe.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly successful learners. They become independent thinkers and competent in managing their personal hygiene needs. Children acquire confidence and the ability to recognise the importance of friendships. All children love to look at books and listen to stories. Babies and toddlers point to pictures and this helps build on their early communication. Older children begin to recognise letters. Children are active and inquisitive, and gain the skills needed for their next stage in learning and school.

Setting details

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Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	1062275
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 3
Total number of places	8
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	8 January 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009 and lives in West Wickham, in the London Borough of Bromley. She has three assistants that she works with at different times. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

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