

Childminder Report

Inspection date

8 June 2017

Previous inspection date

4 June 2015

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 highly qualified childminder is extremely passionate and driven to maintain the highest standards of practice. Her self-evaluation is focused meticulously on improving outcomes for children and fully considers the views of parents.
- The childminder's teaching is exceptional. She uses highly skilful questioning that encourages children to develop superb thinking and language skills.
- Children's enthusiasm is infectious and they are extremely motivated to learn. They relish their time spent in the inspirational setting. Children of all ages show very high levels of concentration and confidence.
- The childminder monitors children's development exceptionally well. She uses information from her excellent observations and assessments of children's learning to plan inspiring experiences for children. These are very closely matched to children's specific needs and interests. All children make outstanding progress.
- Children participate in extremely frequent visits into the community where they learn about the wider world. For example, the childminder takes children on 'listening' walks and to woodlands where they are active and jump in muddy puddles with utter delight.
- Children flourish and develop superb relationships with the childminder who treats them with considerable respect and values them as unique individuals, contributing greatly to their self-esteem and emotional well-being.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- evaluate the impact of professional development on the quality of teaching and learning and target future training to maintain the outstanding practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at the areas of the premises that are used for childminding, including the outdoor area.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outside and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector discussed self-evaluation, risk assessments and the childminder's policies and procedures. She checked evidence of the childminder's suitability, qualifications and training certificates.
- The inspector spoke to children during the inspection and took account of their views. She also took account of the views of parents from written feedback they had provided.

Inspector

Daphne Carr

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent understanding of what to do should she have concerns about the welfare of a child in her care. She manages risks in her home, garden and on outings meticulously. The childminder has very highly detailed policies and procedures in place which she follows scrupulously to help keep children safe from harm. She accesses regular training and keeps her knowledge of teaching and childcare practices up to date. The childminder is highly committed to improving her excellent knowledge through evaluating ongoing training, recognising that this is an area for constant growth.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder uses a vast range of ways to help promote children to find things out for themselves. For instance, children use their exceptional investigation skills and utterly delight in feeling dry, coloured rice as it slips between their fingers. They use excellent thinking skills and work out how much rice is needed to completely cover toy insects. Children show superb number skills and count the insects' legs. Learning is consolidated during play outside. Children search for and find a real spider with great excitement. They squeal with happiness and display sheer joy as they count its legs. Partnerships with parents are outstanding. The childminder has developed considerably strong relationships with them and shares comprehensive information about children's learning. She is highly successful in ensuring a continued joined-up approach. Children write very positive comments, such as, 'You are the best childminder ever'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children behave impeccably and use superb manners. They learn about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. The childminder encourages children to follow meticulous hygiene routines. For instance, children enjoy counting to 10 as they thoroughly wash their hands before eating and after physical play in the garden. The childminder ensures that they have a very healthy and balanced diet. For example, she provides children with a platter consisting of an array of fresh fruit and vegetables at lunchtime alongside healthy sandwiches. Children serve themselves with great independence.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children practise their excellent communication skills at every opportunity. They join in action songs with sheer excitement and laugh heartily. Older children use their remarkable recall skills and retell stories to captivate the interest of younger children. Babies freely and very successfully manoeuvre their bodies around the play space with great skill and confidence. They show an avid interest in marks they make with juice squeezed from fruit. Children are incredibly well prepared for future learning and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY395282
Local authority	St. Helens
Inspection number	1093937
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	4 June 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2009 and lives in Haydock. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 4.

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