

Childminder Report

Inspection date

30 July 2015

Previous inspection date

4 November 2010

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 demonstrates a secure knowledge of local safeguarding procedures and has implemented robust policies to protect children from harm.
- The childminder is highly reflective and shows a good commitment to her provision. She completes self-evaluation to help her recognise and identify her strengths and areas for improvement, which enables her to maintain continuous improvement.
- The childminder has excellent relationships with children and their parents. They continually share information about children's interests and development, which helps the childminder to plan for the next stage in their learning. Furthermore, children are happy; they display high levels of confidence and are motivated to learn.
- The childminder has strong connections with other childminders and makes good use of a variety of local play activities. This helps children be more aware of their local community around them; it promotes their social skills and supports them well in preparation for school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not allow children sufficient time to develop their own ideas during play.
- The organisation of the resources does not always enable children to make choices or independently select additional toys to extend their learning further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- give children sufficient time to develop and explore their own ideas during their play
- review the organisation of the resources so that children are able to independently choose from the full range available.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children taking part in activities.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector viewed and discussed with the childminder a sample of documentation and discussed self-evaluation.
- The inspector checked evidence of qualifications and the suitability of the childminder and other people who live on the premises.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

Kellie Lever

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has a clear understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and implements these successfully in her childminding practice. The quality of teaching is good and she is able to use a range of teaching methods that supports children in their learning throughout the day. The childminder effectively uses children's enjoyment of singing to extend their mathematical skills, using counting and number rhymes. She joins in children's play and often leads discussions to prompt their thinking and help them reflect on previous events and experiences they have had together. The childminder explains things well to children which helps them to follow instructions and enables them to develop their understanding and learn new skills. However, on occasions, she does not allow children sufficient time for independent play in order for them to become deeply involved and explore their own ideas.

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

The childminder creates a homely environment. She is warm and nurturing towards the children, which supports them in feeling emotionally secure. The childminder provides a wide range of toys, resources and activities that offers children rich learning opportunities. However, some resources are not easily accessible. Therefore, children cannot always see the full range of resources available and use them spontaneously to support their play and extend their own learning. The childminder uses clear and consistent methods to manage children's behaviour. She is a good role model and gives lots of praise to acknowledge children's efforts and raise their self-esteem. Children learn about leading healthy lifestyles. The childminder provides healthy food and talks with children about the importance of keeping themselves healthy and the effect food has on their body. Additionally, children are active; they move around freely in the spacious outdoors and attend different activity centres to use a variety of alternative equipment, developing their physical skills.

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

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of her responsibilities as a provider. She has completed a level 3 qualification since the last inspection and ensures she remains skilled by attending regular training and updating her knowledge. This has a positive impact on children's learning and development and they make good progress. Additionally, the childminder has met the previous recommendation and now has effective systems in place to monitor the educational programmes. This enables her to identify gaps in children's learning quickly and secure interventions where necessary. Such changes have helped the childminder provide a good standard of service and further support children with their early learning goals.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY409534
Local authority	Knowsley
Inspection number	851017
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	4 November 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2010. She lives in the Kirkby area of Liverpool. The childminder operates all year round from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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