

Inspection date	24 February 2015
Previous inspection date	10 January 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 children make good progress, because the childminder is skilled at providing a wide breadth of experiences to support their development. She is a good teacher who understands how young children learn.
- Children's personal, social and emotional development is fostered very effectively. The childminder works in partnership with parents to ensure expectations for managing children's behaviour are consistent.
- The environment is organised extremely well to enhance learning for all children. The resources are interesting and varied both indoors and out. The childminder has a very inclusive provision.
- Children are safeguarded well. The childminder has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of child protection and the procedures to follow if she has concerns about a child in her care.
- The childminder is good at reflecting on her teaching and the outcomes for children. She has a formal childcare qualification, which has a positive impact on the learning experiences for the children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The organisation of adult-led activities does not always fully enhance the children's explorative and investigative skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- refine the organisation of adult-led activities to ensure that children are able to fully explore and question all aspects of their investigations.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's lounge, kitchen and garden.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at a range of records including children's details, learning information, written policies, the self-evaluation form and a selection of other documents.
- The inspector checked evidence of all household members' suitability and the qualifications of the childminder.

Inspector

Sharon Waterfall

Inspection findings

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

The childminder uses her knowledge of how young children learn to provide a very interesting educational programme. The children are making good progress in all areas of learning. She uses information from continual assessment effectively to plan activities that support each child's specific learning needs. She makes constant adaptations to activities to ensure that every child is included, and can benefit at a level appropriate to their development. For example, paper is taped to the floor to stop it moving around. This enables even the youngest children to access it freely. The childminder is skilled at providing a breadth of experiences. For example, children use paints and food colouring to explore the new colours made as they mix different ones together. Children's language is supported as they talk about the different textures and how solids and liquids are made. However, the childminder is not able to enhance the learning to its fullest potential as too many activities are planned to take place at the same time. The children are well prepared both academically and emotionally, for moving on to pre-school and school.

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

The children's emotional welfare is of the utmost importance to the childminder. She works closely with parents to ensure that the children are happy and settled when they begin in her care and that this continues. She is an excellent role model and uses very positive methods to support and manage children's good behaviour. The children play very well together and have a secure knowledge of what is right and wrong. They understand the importance of washing germs off their hands before eating. They state that they eat their food to give their bodies fuel, and they have frequent exercise in the garden and at local parks. They are learning to be independent in their self-care and make decisions for themselves. Their understanding of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle is supported well by the childminder. She has a secure knowledge of how to safeguard children's welfare.

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

The childminder has made significant progress since her last inspection. Her knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage is very secure. She is keen and committed to driving improvements in her provision to benefit the children and families that use her service. She enhances the knowledge gained from her childcare qualification by attending continuous training. Therefore, the educational programme is very stimulating and interesting. The resources are very imaginative and enable children to access, develop, and enhance their own play. The childminder is skilled at self-reflection and can immediately identify how to improve activities to support children's development. This is mainly, because she completes very thorough assessments of children's progress and ensures all seven areas of learning are covered. Excellent partnerships with other professionals and early years providers ensure there is a consistency in children's education and their welfare needs are met.

Setting details

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Local authority	North East Lincolnshire
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Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10 January 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2010 and lives in Humberston. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. She receives two-, three- and four-year-old funding. She holds a childcare qualification at level 4.

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