

Childminder Report

Inspection date

10 March 2016

Previous inspection date

15 July 2011

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

- Children settle extremely well under the childminder's very sensitive and attentive care. They are exceptionally secure and happy, and this helps them become highly curious and inquisitive learners.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of the learning and development requirements. She plans an extremely wide range of interesting activities based on children's interests, which contributes towards them being highly motivated to play and learn.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She can identify signs and symptoms that would cause her to be concerned about a child's welfare and the procedures to follow to report these.
- The childminder takes exceptional care of children's well-being. She provides children with a very caring and nurturing home-from-home environment and children form very strong relationships with her.
- The childminder uses her exceptional communication and language skills to constantly engage children. This helps children to develop very competent speaking and listening skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the already excellent opportunities for children to explore technology even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector and childminder discussed the systems used to observe and record children's progress.
- The inspector completed observations of the children engaged in activities with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled some of the documents that the childminder uses to support her practice.
- The inspector took into account written feedback from parents and older children.

Inspector

Rachel Hurford

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder is extremely well organised and receives regular updates and training from professional organisations. This helps to keep her up to date with new guidance and legislation, which she immediately incorporates into her setting. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder takes the safety of the children extremely seriously and has excellent systems in place to identify and eliminate risks immediately. The childminder is highly reflective and completes consistent evaluation of her practice. This helps her to be very effective in identifying areas for improvement and to constantly offer extremely good outcomes for children. The childminder has very strong partnerships with parents, which helps to greatly benefit consistency in children's care and learning. For example, the childminder shares information with them about children's next steps in learning, and how they can help them achieve.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is a highly skilful communicator and listens perceptively to children. She helps children gain new vocabulary and skills, and responds very effectively with positive encouragement. This skill also helps her to engage children of all ages in activities and tailor them to suit their individual needs. The childminder provides exceptionally interesting, challenging and successful activities that support children's development in all areas. During the inspection, the children kept coming back to the activity and extending it themselves to discover new things. The childminder very successfully monitors children's progress and completes highly accurate assessments to enable all children to make excellent developmental progress.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder offers exceptional outdoor activities, for example, during trips to the park and local swimming pool. This helps provide children with excellent opportunities to explore the world around them and to develop their physical skills. Care routines are carried out hygienically and extremely sensitively to promote children's needs very well. The childminder actively promotes healthy eating and exercise, and children develop a very good awareness of the need for a healthy lifestyle. Children gain excellent independence skills, which helps prepare them for their next stage in learning very well.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Older children independently complete activities and the childminder supports the younger ones so that they can join in. For example, the older ones explore and discuss sounds, sizes and quantities, and the younger ones investigate sounds and colours. Children show great delight and take a fully active role during singing sessions. For example, they become completely engrossed in using the props and puppets to accompany their songs.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY416037
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	832314
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	5
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	15 July 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered 2011. She lives in the London Borough of Lambeth. The childminder works Tuesday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm, all year round.

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