

Childminder Report

Inspection date

13 July 2017

Previous inspection date

12 June 2013

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder is very caring and positive with the children. She is attentive to their care needs and offers them affection and support when they need it. This contributes towards children developing good self-esteem and emotional security.
- The childminder is well qualified and has a good understanding of how children learn. She uses her expertise to ensure children are provided with good-quality learning experiences.
- The childminder is keen to develop her service. She acts on advice and is constantly looking for training opportunities to keep her and her assistants' knowledge up to date.
- Partnerships with parents are successful. The childminder shares regular information with parents and involves them in their children's development. This enables them to contribute effectively to their child's ongoing learning opportunities.
- Information is shared with other settings and the local school where children attend, regarding their learning and development. This helps to meet the children's needs well and to provide them with continuity of care.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not plan the environment as effectively as possible to provide children with the best possible opportunities to explore the wide range of resources available.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of space and resources to help children extend their learning experiences even more.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector spoke to children during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided.

Inspector

Tina Garner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a good understanding of child protection issues and is clear on her role and responsibility to keep children safe. The childminder provides a safe environment for children. She is vigilant and identifies any ongoing potential risks that arise. The childminder is reflective of her practice. She has an ambitious vision and consistently reviews the quality of her provision. The childminder has a good overview of her assistants' practice and supports their professional development needs well. Together, the childminder and her assistants have attended an extensive range of additional training. This extends their knowledge of good practice and helps the childminder to ensure the delivery of a high-quality service.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder is well organised and undertakes thorough observations of children which are reflected in her planning. Consequently, activities meet the unique needs of every child, ensuring that they make good progress in their learning and development. All children develop their physical skills and hand-to-eye coordination. Children enjoy exploring water and sand outdoors. They pour and fill as they use jugs and teapots in the water. Older children confidently draw pictures and use chalks in readiness for early writing. Younger children are supported to develop their climbing skills and learn to feed themselves. The childminder supports them well while they play. For example, she encourages children to try different activities and demonstrates how to use equipment correctly to support their involvement.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are secure and happy in the care of the childminder. She knows and respects their home routines and works with parents to support these. Children are confident and make their needs known to her. The childminder responds with kindness, offering comfort and support to children, such as those who are feeling sad or less sure of themselves. They respond with obvious affection to cuddles and quickly settle to play with a range of good-quality resources. The childminder knows the children well, providing toys and activities which reflect their interests. Children behave well. The childminder shares her expectations with children to help them understand what acceptable behaviour is. The childminder helps children to live a healthy lifestyle and implements procedures that support their good health. For example, she is aware of children's specific dietary needs and offers healthy nutritious snacks.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop their physical, language and social skills well and make good progress from their starting points. They follow instructions and have good opportunities to develop their early writing skills during their creative activities. Younger children effectively build on their understanding and use every opportunity to practise their words. Children are confident and inquisitive learners, developing good levels of independence to help them gain the necessary skills for school readiness when the time comes.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY418000
Local authority	Nottinghamshire
Inspection number	1065607
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 8
Total number of places	18
Number of children on roll	12
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	12 June 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Daybrook, Nottingham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3. The childminder is registered to work with two assistants.

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