

Childminder Report

Inspection date

1 September 2016

Previous inspection date

26 September 2012

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 quality of teaching is outstanding. The childminder shows a superb understanding of how children learn and develop. She accurately plans highly stimulating experiences to fully support what children need to learn next.
- Assessments of children's progress are clear, precise and sharply focused. Assessments are based on the childminder's detailed knowledge of the children and her very effective system for evaluating children's learning and progress.
- The childminder works exceptionally well with parents and is very successful in engaging them in their children's learning, including when they are at home. Parents are highly complimentary about the service the childminder provides and they value the excellent support they receive. They comment on how much their children enjoy attending and that the childminder goes over and above for them.
- The excellently, well-considered outdoor area and vibrant playrooms allow children to explore and choose from a vast range of resources, which maximise independence as they lead their own play.
- The childminder expertly supports children's personal, social and emotional development. Excellent strategies are used to support young children to manage their own behaviour. Children are given choices so that they can make decisions for themselves.
- The childminder is extremely dedicated and committed to her role. She continually reflects on her practice and strives to drive up the quality of her provision even further. This contributes to the well-qualified childminder providing exceptionally good experiences, in which each child is respected and valued.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the already excellent programme of professional development, to ensure that the outstanding quality of the provision is maintained.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home.
- The inspector viewed the premises, toys and equipment.
- The inspector discussed and evaluated a planned activity with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- She looked at a range of relevant documents, such as the childminder's self-evaluation form, and policies and procedures.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents.

Inspector

Suzanne Marsh

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder has a robust knowledge of her responsibilities and the procedures to follow should she have a concern about a child. Excellent records and policies are used to promote children's safety and welfare. The childminder has high expectations of herself and the children in her care. Systems to monitor children's progress are highly detailed. The childminder very swiftly identifies any emerging gaps in children's development and ensures the relevant support is implemented, where necessary. The childminder has excellent relationships with other professionals and also accesses various play groups and local amenities. She recognises the importance of ongoing professional development and carefully considers the needs of children when identifying her training needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children are provided with vibrant and exciting experiences and challenges tailored to their individual needs. This leads to children making excellent progress. Children have purposefully presented opportunities for developing spontaneous use of number as they count shells and pine cones into their imaginatively created mixtures. The childminder skilfully shapes children's learning, extending their vocabulary and allowing them to assess risks and explore. Children demonstrate excellent levels of confidence and self-awareness as they delight in mixing and sharing paint to create large artwork together in the well-developed outdoor area. The childminder is extremely precise in her assessments of what children know and can do. She fully involves parents right from the start, to accurately identify children's starting points and ongoing developments.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely happy and secure. The childminder supports children's well-being exceptionally well. She encourages children to explore their emotions and feelings in a positive way. For example, they develop effective ways to empathise with other children's feelings and their own immediate needs. The childminder praises the children's achievements and they show pride in their successes. Children's behaviour is exemplary. The childminder talks to children in a respectful, considerate way and they follow her example. She actively helps children develop an excellent understanding of how to keep themselves healthy and manage risks. They are sociable and independent, and display impeccable manners.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make outstanding progress in all areas of learning from their different starting points, including those who receive funded education. Children's speech and language skills are developing extremely well. They are socially, emotionally and physically very well prepared for their next stage in their learning, including their move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY422636
Local authority	Warrington
Inspection number	1059897
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 9
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	9
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	26 September 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011 and lives in Warrington. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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