

Inspection date	28 January 2015
Previous inspection date	31 October 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

- There are warm and caring relationships evident between the childminder and the children, ensuring that they feel valued and secure. Children enjoy involving the childminder in their play.
- The childminder works well with her co-childminder. They effectively deploy themselves to ensure they are vigilant of children throughout the day.
- The childminder ensures that the environment is safe by following clear procedures to safeguard children and keep them protected.
- The childminder teaches young children the necessary skills they need to support their future learning. She understands how the children learn best and what their interests are, enabling her to provide challenging learning opportunities to help them make good progress.
- Partnerships with parents and other early years providers are strong. The childminder shares a wide range of written documentation and has daily discussions with parents. This ensures children's individual care and learning needs are met well.
- The childminder plans daily outings for children so they gain plenty of opportunities to strengthen their physical development and develop their understanding of a healthy lifestyle.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder misses opportunities to develop children's independence skills, by encouraging them to prepare simple snacks and pour their own drinks.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- promote children's independence skills, particularly during snack time, by encouraging them to help prepare food and pour their own drinks.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder and her co-childminder about their practice at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the childminder caring for and playing with the children in the main play area.
- The inspector reviewed suitability checks carried out for all adults within the home and the childminder's self-evaluation and development plans.
- The inspector sampled children's progress records and a range of documentation, including safeguarding policy and procedures, accident and medication records.

Inspector

Anahita Aderianwalla

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 good understanding of the requirements of Early Years Foundation Stage. She talks confidently about children's initial assessments and their progress. She assesses children's progress on an ongoing basis, identifying their levels of development and next steps in learning. The childminder uses this information well to plan relevant activities that covers all areas of learning. She constantly engages children in conversation by reading stories to them, repeating words, modelling language and skilfully asking questions. Children show good concentration as they learn how to draw and use scissors to cut paper. The childminder uses this opportunity to further help children to count and learn about size, shape and colour. She is always close at hand to help children practise their newly acquired skills.

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

The childminder provides a very welcoming and interesting environment for children. She has a wide selection of resources and equipment that she organises well for children to safely access. This effectively encourages children's self-selection and decision-making skills. Children take part in the fire evacuation drill and the childminder conducts daily checks of the premises to ensure all areas are safe. The childminder is vigilant in promoting children's hygiene practice as all children wash their hands before eating. However, she does not always maximise opportunities for children to take part in the preparation of nutritious foods or pour their own drinks during snack time. This does not always fully support their growing confidence and self-help skills. The childminder recognises children's achievements and provides plenty of praise for their good behaviour. This positively reinforces children's understanding of the expectations and boosts their self-esteem.

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

The childminder works closely with her co-childminder to ensure all documentation is kept up to date. She has a secure understanding of her responsibilities to promote children's safety and well-being. She regularly completes child protection training and is confident of the appropriate procedures to follow in the event of any concerns about children in her care. The childminder attends a variety of training courses so that she continues to update her professional knowledge. Therefore, she has the relevant experience to provide good-quality teaching, care and learning for all children. She effectively monitors children's progress to identify and support any child who is not developing at the expected levels. The childminder uses self-evaluation to identify areas for development and obtains parents' views on the quality of the provision. The childminder has successfully met the areas of improvement from her last inspection and this has had a positive impact on the outcomes for children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY424321
Local authority	Islington
Inspection number	816582
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	31 October 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011. She lives in Finsbury Park, in the London Borough of Islington. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. Access to the premises is via a flight of stairs at the front of the premises. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

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