

Childminder Report

Inspection date

4 December 2015

Previous inspection date

14 December 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

- The childminder is well qualified and passionate about her chosen career. She is exceptionally keen to attend training so that she can continually create even better learning opportunities for children.
- Children have excellently planned daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise. For example, they walk to school, play in the garden and local park, and visit the local children's centre. This contributes greatly towards the children's physical development, social skills and overall well-being.
- The childminder clearly thinks through her policies and practices to promote children's health, safety and well-being, and she shares these with parents. Her everyday practice reflects her strong commitment to protect children and keep them safe from harm.
- Young children learn to understand feelings, value and respect others and celebrate their achievements. Children behave well and have high levels of self-esteem.
- The childminder uses extremely detailed assessments of children's progress to plan learning-rich activities to move them on to their next steps in development. This helps all children make rapid progress with their learning.
- Children are extremely well cared for. The childminder takes the time to get to know their needs and adapt planned activities to suit them. They are secure in the childminder's care and develop high levels of confidence.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to embed learning from professional development to help maintain the excellent practice already in place.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder, her assistant and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed children engaged in a variety of activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents, including those spoken to during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at the children's assessment records, planning and a range of other documentation, including policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of the childminder and family members, and discussed self-evaluation.

Inspector

Beverley Devlin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder uses her childcare knowledge extremely well to provide innovative and exciting learning experiences for children. The childminder uses robust risk assessments to help to ensure that the environment is extremely safe and secure. Overall, she is extremely committed to improving her professional development and attends regular training. She is passionate to learn about new ways to plan challenging, new and interesting activities to support children's learning and development. She uses her experience to precisely monitor and promote children's learning and development extremely well. This helps her to quickly identify any gaps in children's development and promptly address these. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has an excellent knowledge and understanding of child protection, including any signs that would give cause for concern. She is clear about the procedures for reporting welfare concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is very skilled at devising inviting activities, which she adapts to meet the needs of the children present. Children are keen to explore new activities and think creatively. For example, they are fascinated as they create pretend snow using new materials and learn about changing shape, temperature and texture. Children enjoy taking part in exciting planned activities, which follow on from the childminder's precise observations of what children enjoy doing. The childminder promotes children's understanding of number as she incorporates numbers into everyday activities. She provides excellent commentary during children's play, and her clear pronunciation ensures that children hear correctly modelled language. Children develop very good communication skills and are confident talkers, due to the effective techniques used by the childminder. For example, she asks probing questions as the children take part in a variety of activities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder teaches children about risks so they learn how to keep themselves safe in their play. Children move around with confidence as they explore their environment, reassured that a familiar adult is close by. Children are very happy, emotionally secure and behave extremely well. The childminder praises children often and celebrates their achievements enthusiastically. Children gain high levels of confidence and self-esteem. The childminder provides many valuable opportunities for children to socialise and learn about their community and the wider world.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children develop excellent listening skills, which provide a very secure basis for their development in understanding, speaking and literacy. Children make exemplary levels of progress and are well prepared for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY429686
Local authority	Kingston upon Thames
Inspection number	823534
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	14 December 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011. She lives in Surbiton, Surrey. The childminder provides care from Monday to Friday throughout the year. The childminder holds an appropriate child care qualification at level 3.

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