

Childminder Report

Inspection date

17 August 2015

Previous inspection date

8 February 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Teaching is outstanding. The childminder has very high expectations of children in her care and challenge is readily provided. This means children are consistently supported to move forwards in their learning.
- The childminder makes excellent use of her accurate assessments of each child's progress. This enables her to plan activities that offer children rich, varied and imaginative experiences. Children gain the necessary skills to prepare them for the next stage in learning, such as school.
- The childminder knows children well and plans a range of highly stimulating activities that are tailored to children's interests. Consequently, children are consistently engaged and making rapid progress given their starting points.
- Children are happy, relaxed and eager to learn. Children enjoy warm and affectionate relationships with the childminder and this promotes exceptional emotional security. Consequently, children are confident and ready to learn.
- The childminder is passionate and highly committed to her professional development. She has completed recent training and development to enhance her already exceptional standard of service and maximise the experiences available for children.
- The childminder has an exemplary understanding of how to meet all legal requirements. She gives children's safety a very high priority and thoroughly understands her duty to record and report child protection issues.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children to access a range of reading materials.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed play activities inside, outdoors and at snack time.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke with parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including qualification certificates, suitability checks, policies, procedures and children's assessment information.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the childminder.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is outstanding

The quality of teaching is inspirational. The childminder plans unique activities which enthuse children and ignite their imagination. Consequently, the wide range of activities and equipment provided is exciting, stimulates children's curiosity and effectively promotes their learning and development. Opportunities for children to access a range of reading materials, particularly in the outdoor environment, are less extensive to enhance their understanding that print carries meaning. Ongoing observations and precise planning means children are appropriately challenged and regularly exceed development expectations. The childminder follows children's interests to enhance learning opportunities, promoting development. The childminder is exceptionally skilful to recognise when children require support. She offers encouragement and praise to enable them to succeed at their given challenge. For example, young children climb the steep slide steps and are provided with praise when they succeed at this difficult task. Children are highly motivated and active learners.

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

The childminder plans extensively for physical development, enabling children's physical health to flourish. The childminder teaches children about how food grows and they are beginning to understand where food comes from, developing a healthy attitude to the food they eat. Mealtimes are a wonderful social occasion where children and babies eat together. Social mealtimes reinforce friendships and children enjoy spending time with one another. Behaviour is exceptional. Relationships between the childminder and children are affectionate and warm. Consequently, children are happy, relaxed and confident in the childminder's care.

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

The childminder is highly driven and extremely motivated. Her passion for working with children is reflected in the excellent quality care and education she provides. The childminder has recently completed extensive training and professional qualifications. Her commitment to training, combined with experience, promotes excellent outcomes for children. The childminder regularly attends network meetings and shares good practice ideas with other professionals. She consistently evaluates her service in order to improve. The childminder enjoys excellent partnerships with parents. She values their opinions and comments, and regularly shares children's achievements and progress with home. This means parents are well informed and children benefit from open communication between home and the childminder. Children's safety is given the highest priority. The childminder has a robust knowledge of how to keep children safe and completes indepth risk assessments to identify and minimise hazards, creating a safe environment for children to play and learn.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY430666
Local authority	Tameside
Inspection number	853126
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	8 February 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011 and lives in Tameside, Manchester. She operates all year round from 7am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 5.

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