

Childminder Report

Inspection date

23 June 2015

Previous inspection date

1 March 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

- The childminder knows the children exceptionally well and has an extensive understanding of how they are developing. This ensures she provides an inspiring range of activities and experiences that hold the children's interest. As a result, children make rapid progress in their learning.
- The childminder is very skilled in sensitively helping children to settle well. This helps them to be extraordinarily confident to independently explore, investigate and discover.
- Children benefit from the excellent relationships the childminder has with parents. The information the childminder shares with parents helps her to ensure she always meets children's ongoing and changing needs.
- The childminder continually exchanges information with other settings that children attend. As a result, she ensures she has a detailed and accurate picture of each child's development needs.
- The childminder is very effective in keeping children safe and secure in her care. She implements clear policies and procedures, and uses a wide range of ongoing risk assessments to support her practice.
- The childminder uses her expert teaching skills to extend the children's learning. As a result, children are very rapidly gaining the skills they need to prepare them for school or pre-school.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen further the opportunities for older children to practise their early writing skills at a wider range of activities, indoors and outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at all areas of the home used for childminding and observed the childminder interacting with the children at a range of activities.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder and her self-evaluation.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from written comments.
- The inspector observed the childminder playing with the children and discussed the activities with her.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, children's assessment records and planning documentation.

Inspector

Judith Harris

Inspection findings

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

The childminder provides exciting activities that children enjoy and that capture their curiosity. At the inspection, children took an active part in a practical activity that the childminder had planned. The childminder used the activity extremely well to show the children how to follow written instructions. She encouraged them think about what they needed and to independently complete the required tasks. Children developed their hand-to-eye coordination as they used different tools and resources. The childminder made exceptional use of the activity to help children explore their own ideas and to significantly extend their learning. She introduced new words to help the children talk about what they were doing. Children learned early mathematical skills as the childminder helped them to count and talked to them about the different sizes and shapes. Children are highly motivated learners. Older children are beginning to learn the letters in their names. However, as writing materials are not always available at all activities they occasionally miss some opportunities to practise their early writing skills.

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

Children play in exceptionally well-resourced and interesting play spaces. The childminder ensures that children are completely happy and comfortable in her care. As a result, children develop remarkable levels of confidence and self-esteem. The childminder takes time to teach the children about being healthy through good hygiene routines and providing healthy meals and snacks. At snack time, children are encouraged to serve themselves to help them develop very good personal independence. Children are particularly well supported to learn how to manage their own safety. The childminder ensures that children have extensive opportunities for outdoor play. They thoroughly enjoy visiting local parks and wildlife areas, and playing in the fresh air. The childminder's extraordinary care ensures children are quickly developing the self-assurance needed for the next stage in their learning.

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

Since her last inspection the childminder has made excellent use of training and evaluation to develop her practice. She has completed an early years qualification allowing her to extensively improve her knowledge and skills. As a result, the childminder's practice is inspirational and supports children to make exceptional progress. The childminder has attended regular training sessions to ensure she is extensively clear about her responsibility to safeguard and protect children from harm. Children's progress is comprehensively monitored through highly detailed individual learning records. This enables the childminder to identify any gaps in learning and take steps to close them.

Setting details

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Inspection number	824018
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	1 March 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Bath. She works weekdays 7.30am to 4.30pm all year except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a level 3 qualification in early years.

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