

Childminder Report

Inspection date

14 May 2015

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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

- The childminder has a good understanding of how to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She knows what action to take should she have concerns about a child's welfare and maintains a high standard of safety for children in her care.
- The childminder has a strong understanding of how to meet the learning and development requirements. Children are very engaged with exciting activities and good-quality resources. They thoroughly enjoy their play and learning.
- The childminder takes children out daily, which promotes their physical skills and well-being effectively. She knows their individual needs and provides a safe and secure environment. Children are confident as a result.
- Parents benefit from the strong partnerships developed with the childminder. She shares details of children's care and learning, and seeks information from parents about their home experiences. This helps to provide consistency in the teaching and care children receive.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder has a variety of resources in the garden to promote children's physical development. However, she does not always provide many resources outside to broaden their experiences and extend their learning as effectively in other areas.
- There are few printed words or letters in the environment for children to see and use. Therefore, the childminder is not fully supporting their early reading skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the variety of resources outdoors to promote a wider range of activities and support all areas of learning further
- provide more opportunities for children to develop their skills for early reading with more letters and words in their environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children at play in the childminder's home.
- The inspector examined a range of documentation, including suitability checks and children's records.
- The inspector evaluated children's play and learning during the inspection.
- The inspector read parents' questionnaires to gather their views about the provision.

Inspector

Marvet Gayle

Inspection findings

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

The childminder knows the children well. Consequently, teaching is consistently good. She recognises their emerging interests and next steps in learning. She shares observations and assessments with parents. They work together to plan and think through ideas about how to move the children forward. The childminder adapts her practice in relation to children's ages and stages of learning. For example, she uses clear and simple words when talking to children. She counts to ten with those who are able to do so, and extends their counting further. The childminder asks questions and gives the children time to think and respond to develop their thinking and communication skills. The childminder uses a variety of well-planned activities and games to teach children valuable skills for the future. This prepares them well for the next stage in learning and starting school. Children are enthusiastic and motivated learners. At the inspection, they chose favourite stories and listened intently to the childminder as she read. As a result of effective teaching, their progress is good.

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

The childminder is caring and considerate to the needs of children. She provides a warm and welcoming environment where children flourish. The childminder encourages children to be independent and to choose what they want to play from the range of resources available. Children behave well. At the inspection, the childminder supported children to think about their feelings when they upset each other. She offered plenty of praise and encouragement for children's efforts and achievements, therefore promoting children's self-motivation and well-being. The childminder develops children's awareness of keeping safe when teaching them about fire drills and involving them in helping to tidy up. Children enjoy trips to local groups, parks and walks. The childminder helps them develop good social skills when they mix with others. She encourages children to develop good hygiene routines and care for themselves. She provides a good choice of nutritious meals and snacks, which meet dietary requirements and teach them about healthy eating.

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

The childminder maintains all the required records and obtains the information she needs to manage children's care effectively. She attends regular training to develop her skills and to help her evaluate children's progress effectively. She identifies where they need more support to ensure they continuously progress. The childminder routinely monitors the activities and experiences on offer. This helps her to recognise her strengths and plan improvements for the continuous development of the provision.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY438103
Local authority	Greenwich
Inspection number	888597
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder lives in Thamesmead, in the London Borough of Greenwich. The childminder is available for work all day, Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 6.30pm.

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