

Inspection date	2 April 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 has an outstanding knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She shows superb awareness of how young children learn and uses a wide range of strategies to promote children's development. Children make excellent progress in their learning and they develop the skills that prepare them for school.
- Exemplary practice in the childminder's partnerships with parents and other professionals results in children's needs being given the utmost priority, in order to provide care and learning for children that is precisely tailored to their needs.
- Children play in a highly stimulating and welcoming indoor environment, which successfully promotes their confidence and interest in learning.
- Children's safety and well-being is a high priority. The childminder uses robust risk assessments and stringent safety measures. She has extremely comprehensive safeguarding procedures that she implements well to promote children's welfare.
- The childminder has a highly effective approach to self-evaluation, which has led to her achieving an outstanding level of practice when promoting children's care and learning.
- The childminder attends statutory and non-statutory training opportunities. She prioritises training events to meet the needs of the children in her care. This has an extremely positive impact on children's development and learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to enhance the outdoor area to further develop children's experiences of natural materials in the outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities inside and outdoors as the childminder interacted with children.
- The inspector looked at children's records, learning journeys and sampled the policies and formal records.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the observations.
- The inspector checked the qualifications of the childminder, along with evidence of her suitability, and that of any adults living in the household.
- The inspector considered the written views of parents.

Inspector

Victoria Weir

Inspection findings

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

The childminder has an exceptional knowledge of children's individual needs and progress. This is because she constantly involves parents and other professionals involved in children's care. She has an excellent understanding of how to promote their learning and development gained through her good level of qualification and further training. Consequently, she uses extremely robust systems to observe and assess children. This means she quickly identifies and closes any gaps in children's learning. The childminder develops activities through extremely effective planning. For example, she creates her own high quality resources tailored for children, based on their interests and the next steps in their learning. She uses every opportunity to develop children's thinking. For example, as children comment on the weight of their play dough balls the childminder introduces scales and encourages children to weigh the balls to encourage their number recognition. Skilful questions help children talk through their ideas and extend their concentration. As a result, children make outstanding progress in relation to their developmental starting points.

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

The childminder is highly effective at helping children feel safe and secure. For example, she encourages children to spot hazards as part of a game as they go for walks. The childminder's exceptional teaching means that children develop an excellent understanding of healthy lifestyles. Children actively engage in excellent opportunities for physical activity. They learn about nutrition as they help prepare vegetables and fruit for eating. The childminder provides a calm and safe environment. She forms highly positive relationships with children, adjusting her level of reassurance to meet their individual emotional needs at all times. Extremely effective positive behaviour strategies gained from training help children manage their behaviour well. For example, she uses consistent words, phrases and sign language to remind children of expectations. Overall, children rapidly develop the self-help skills and attitudes needed for their next stage in learning.

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

Exceptional self-evaluative practices are in place. The use of quality improvement tools, checks on children's progress and collected views of other professionals and parents contribute to self-evaluation. Consequently, the childminder has identified areas for development to further improve her practice. For example, she has correctly identified how the existing abundant provision outdoors would benefit from even further improvement. In addition to training, the childminder undertakes observations in her local early years setting to ensure she maintains exceptional levels of teaching and learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY440143
Local authority	Swindon
Inspection number	809530
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2012. The childminder lives in North Swindon and has regular contact with the local schools and other early years settings. She holds a relevant early years qualification at Level 3. The childminder provides care between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm all year round.

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