

Childminder Report

Inspection date

3 November 2015

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder is kind, caring and friendly. This helps children feel settled, secure and happy. The childminder builds children's confidence and self-esteem when she praises and encourages them.
- The childminder forms good partnerships with parents. They work effectively together to meet children's care needs and extend their learning.
- The childminder finds out about children's interests and abilities through continuous observation and assessment. She plans and provides activities that extend children's learning and development.
- The childminder monitors and reviews her planning and assessment. This enables her to make sure her teaching is helping every child achieve.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not consistently provide opportunities for children to increase their early reading skills and recognise that print has meaning.
- The childminder is not making full use of opportunities to encourage children to investigate and learn about the natural world.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to strengthen their early reading skills
- provide further opportunities for children to increase their understanding of the natural world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities indoors.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records and other documentation.
- The inspector discussed childcare practices with the childminder.
- The inspector took account of the views of a parent spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Alison Weaver

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The childminder has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder fully understands her responsibilities regarding child protection. This helps promote children's welfare. She maintains a secure and safe environment by minimising hazards effectively. As a result, children can move around independently and safely. The childminder keeps her knowledge and skills updated. For example, she does research to make sure that the activities she provides interest children and help them learn. She adapts her practices and ways of working to meet children's individual needs. For example, she gained advice and implemented new ways of managing children's behaviour; this is helping children develop a good understanding of why something they are doing is wrong. The childminder focuses well on identifying and addressing areas for improvement that have the most benefit for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder plays with children and promotes their learning effectively. For example, she counts with children as they make towers with bricks. Young children copy her and begin to count bricks on their own. The childminder promotes children's communication skills competently. As a result, children start to form simple sentences and become confident speakers. The childminder encourages them to be independent and make choices. Children enjoy the activities and have fun while they learn. They work things out for themselves as well as getting help from the childminder when they need it.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children form strong emotional bonds with the childminder. They confidently go to her for reassurance and comfort when they need it. Children learn to see to their own personal care needs. They show increasing independence when they help tidy up. The childminder teaches children how to stay safe, such as when she explains that they need to put toys away to prevent accidents. The childminder teaches children the importance of being kind and respecting others. Children learn to share toys and play with their friends amicably. They develop a good understanding of healthy lifestyles. They enjoy healthy foods and daily exercise.

Outcomes for children are good

The childminder prepares children well for moving on to school. They make good progress in their learning and continue to develop new skills. Children develop good social skills. They are keen to join in activities and become absorbed in their play.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY441774
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	882088
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	2 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2012. She lives in Worthing, West Sussex. The childminder offers care all day from Monday to Friday, all year round.

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