

Childminder Report

Inspection date

2 August 2016

Previous inspection date

26 April 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 provides children with a good range of activities both in the home and the local environment. This helps children to be motivated learners who are well prepared for their next steps in learning.
- Children are extremely happy and settled in this welcoming and homely environment. They are provided with warmth and affection, and show a strong sense of belonging. This helps to build their confidence and promotes their emotional well-being.
- The childminder interacts well with children to promote their understanding and communication. She asks questions encouraging them to think about what is happening in a story and to anticipate what will come next.
- The childminder teaches children to behave safely and sensibly as they play with toys and equipment. They contribute to keeping the play area safe by tidying away toys when they have finished with them.
- Children's good health is successfully promoted. They are provided with healthy snacks, drinks and nutritious home-made meals. They have plenty of opportunities to be physically active as they play in the garden and visit local parks.
- The childminder promotes children's social skills very well. She regularly takes children to groups where they mix with other children and adults.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not reflect on her practice sufficiently enough to raise the quality of her provision to an outstanding level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make better use of self-evaluation to more successfully identify areas for improvement and raise the quality of the provision to an outstanding level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed all areas used by the children.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of the childminder and members of her household.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents expressed in written testimonials.

Inspector

Peter Towner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder provides a safe environment for children and supervises them closely at all times. She has completed child protection training and is confident of the procedures to follow in order to protect the children from harm. Risk assessments and policies are regularly reviewed to ensure children are safe. The childminder places high value on the benefits of professional development. She recognises the positive impact this has on her practice as she strives to meet children's individual needs. She has worked hard to meet the recommendations from the previous inspection. The childminder has improved her self-evaluation process to involve parents and children. She provides information to other settings children attend, helping to improve the continuity of learning. Written information contributed by parents suggests that they are extremely happy with the service the childminder provides.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder understands how children learn and develop. She knows children's personalities, needs and interests well. Children regularly explore the local environment. They enjoy nature walks and extend their physical development within local parks, woodlands and leisure centres. Activities are planned well and help children to make good progress in their language and early mathematical skills. Children are motivated and engaged in their learning. They thoroughly enjoy experimenting with different materials as they make flags to celebrate the countries competing in the Olympic Games. Children recognise colours and shapes, and skilfully use scissors to cut out designs. They identify different countries of the world and learn about communities beyond their immediate experiences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children settle quickly because the childminder works closely with parents to meet the care needs of each individual child. She finds out about children's interests and routines, and builds well on what they know and can do. Children are confident and gain independence as the childminder involves them in making decisions and choices. Children receive lots of reassurance, praise and encouragement from the childminder. She establishes clear boundaries and gentle reminders to help them play harmoniously. They develop good independence skills as they select activities and toys to support their purposeful play. Behaviour is good. Children are polite, courteous and they learn right from wrong and understand each other's differences.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress in relation to their starting points. They are working comfortably within the typical range of development for their age. Children have formed good relationships with their peers and the childminder. They are able to communicate their needs effectively. All children show they are active learners and they really enjoy the activities provided. Children are acquiring good skills in readiness for the next stage of their learning, including school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY450511
Local authority	Doncaster
Inspection number	1043009
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	3 - 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	26 April 2013
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2012 and lives in Doncaster. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm on Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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