

Childminder Report

Inspection date

4 May 2017

Previous inspection date

8 January 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The inspirational childminder and her assistant completely complement each other's outstanding practice. They use incisive self-evaluation as a powerful tool for improvement. Both are relentless in their pursuit of excellence.
- The highly skilled childminder works very closely with a network of other childminders. She shares her wealth of expertise with newly registered childminders to help them raise the quality of their own practice and outcomes for other children.
- Partnerships with parents are very strong. The childminder ensures that they are fully consulted about their children's ongoing progress and offers ideas to help their progression at home. Parents comment how they are, 'Absolutely delighted' with the, 'Professional' service the childminder and her assistant provide.
- The childminder and her assistant form exceptional, warm and caring bonds the children. They both display a heart-warming respect and love for them, which children eagerly reciprocate. As a result, children have a very strong sense of well-being and show high levels of self-confidence.
- The childminder has a superb understanding of how children learn. They benefit from innovative and highly stimulating activities that the childminder meticulously plans to support them in making excellent progress. Children experiment painting with natural materials, such as long grass and leaves from the childminder's garden.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to extend children's deep interest of growth and how this can contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder and her assistant. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of her assistant.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided and reviewed the childminder's self-evaluation.
- The inspector interacted and spoke to children during the inspection.

Inspector

Lorraine Pike

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder implements her robust policies and procedures diligently. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder and her assistant have an excellent knowledge of the action to take should they have any concerns about children's welfare. The childminder is extremely dedicated to continuing to improve her superb knowledge. As a result of recent training, she has an in-depth understanding of how to adapt her practice to successfully support children's emotional needs as they begin attending. The childminder places the utmost priority on sharing new knowledge with her assistant. Informal supervisions meetings are thoroughly effective and embedded. Outstanding partnerships with other settings that children attend enable the childminder to fully complement their learning. The childminder's sharp focus on monitoring children's progress identifies and addresses gaps as soon as they emerge.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

All children are highly motivated and eager to learn. The childminder is superb at using spontaneous events to extend children's learning. Younger children are incredibly inquisitive for their age, for example, they explore the different sounds they can make as they use wooden spoons to bang the tops of a range of containers. They have a wonderful time discovering the texture of paint as it oozes between their fingers. Older children demonstrate outstanding perseverance and excellent control and coordination of their hands. They use small tools to scoop up coloured chickpeas and carefully transfer them into plastic bottles. They squeal with excitement as they experience the texture of chickpeas with their bare feet and describe how it feels.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The childminder and her assistant are outstanding role models. Children behave exceptionally well, creating a vibrant and happy atmosphere for all. They use good manners and demonstrate extremely secure friendships with each other. Children have superb opportunities to take part in daily physical exercise in the fresh air, where they successfully learn to assess their own risks. They enjoy eating a wide selection of healthy and nutritious snacks. The childminder has a very strong drive to continually offer even more exemplary learning experiences for children. She is considering transforming a part of her garden to further enhance children's understanding of growth and a healthy diet.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children are make outstanding progress in their learning in readiness for school. The childminder provides children with optimal opportunities to be independent. They swiftly learn to link letters to sounds and write words. Children are very well prepared for their next stage in learning or move on to school.

Setting details

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Local authority	Cambridgeshire
Inspection number	1095421
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 9
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	10
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	8 January 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2013 and lives in Sawston. She works with an assistant and operates all year round from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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