

Childminder Report

Inspection date

22 March 2016

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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The childminder has a BA (Hons) in Early Years and also holds Early Years Professional Status, which is a professional status for practitioners in England at the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has used the knowledge gained to help her reach a high standard in her provision. She sets well-targeted action plans to make continuous improvement to her provision for the direct benefit of children.
- The childminder has a good understanding of children's needs and provides a broad range of activities to cover all aspects of their learning and play.
- Children build a strong bond with the childminder and are very settled and secure in her care. Children's emotional well-being is good.
- The childminder has built strong partnerships with schools and other professionals in the local community. Children benefit from well-coordinated and consistent care.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not consistently involve children in making decisions about what they might need for their play ideas. This has a minor impact on children's thinking skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage children to think more about the resources they can use to extend their play further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children at play in the childminder's home.
- The inspector examined a range of documents including policies and children's records.
- The inspector read comments from parents to gather their views.

Inspector

Susan McCourt

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder updates her safeguarding training regularly and knows what action to take should she have concerns about the welfare of a child. The childminder evaluates her practice regularly and considers the quality of activities for children to identify and make improvements. For example, she has adapted how she communicates with parents to maximise the information they can share to ensure consistency in care for children. The childminder is highly qualified and updates her knowledge and understanding with further courses and research. This has a positive impact on her abilities to meet children's learning and development needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder meets with parents before children start and she gathers information about children's interests and abilities. She plans a wide range of interesting activities for children based on this information, and gets to know the children very well. She meets with parents weekly for a long handover time when they discuss how their children are doing. This helps to build a strong and effective partnership with parents. The childminder has a strong awareness of children's needs in their leisure time. Children really enjoy the varied play opportunities and themed activities. For example, they make seasonal pictures and enjoy a variety of role play. The childminder is very skilled at judging when to join in with children's play and when to stand back and observe. She gives them accurate information when they have questions about how a toy works and has good ideas to help children extend their play. The childminder includes some writing and mathematical skills into children's play and they enjoy having an opportunity to show what they know.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder has developed a good play and learning environment with a wide range of good quality play equipment around the spacious play area. Children know where the different materials are for them to develop their own play ideas. Children are motivated to explore and are confident to direct their own play. Children's physical care and well-being is good. They eat healthy foods at snack and meal times. They understand which foods are healthy and which are for occasional treats. Children have a variety of opportunities for exercise and vigorous play as part of their routine with the childminder. Children understand how to take care of their personal hygiene and follow well-established routines. Children are well behaved and enjoy cooperating in play as well as sharing their ideas and toys. The childminder is a good role model for showing respect to others and valuing what they have to say. Children show maturity in recognising when a friend is cross or upset and help them to feel better.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY464692
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	959501
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	5 - 8
Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2013 in West Norwood, London Borough of Lambeth. The childminder has a degree in early years and holds Early Years Professional Status. She works Monday to Friday all year round.

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