

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 June 2017

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 has a friendly disposition and is kind and patient. Children have secure relationships with her and settle quickly. They are happy and content.
- Children progress well in their learning. The childminder creates a safe and stimulating learning environment. She provides opportunities that follow children's interests and help them to achieve.
- Children behave well. They attend groups where they begin to build friendships and socialise. The childminder teaches children to share and take turns.
- Partnerships are strong. The childminder keeps parents and other settings that children attend informed of children's progress through daily feedback and reports. They work together to meet each child's care and learning needs through a consistent approach.
- The childminder shows enthusiasm and is keen to develop her service further. She reflects upon her practice and identifies areas for improvement, such as the outdoor area.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not consistently use information gathered from assessment to precisely focus future planning on helping children to make rapid progress.
- On occasions, the childminder does not give children sufficient time to process their thoughts and respond to her suggestions and questions.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use the information gained from assessment of children's learning even more effectively and help them make the best progress possible
- provide more opportunities for children to respond to suggestions and questions that help develop and extend their thinking and speaking skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with children and held discussions with the childminder at convenient times throughout the inspection. She looked at the childminder's range of play and learning resources and equipment and observed the suitability of the premises.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching indoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided.
- The inspector discussed a range of policies relating to safeguarding, children's progress and well-being. She also checked the childminder's suitability, her qualifications and self-evaluation process.

Inspector

Janice Hughes

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has a clear understanding of safeguarding issues and the procedures to follow if she has a concern about a child's welfare. The childminder has a secure knowledge of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and the wider issues surrounding child protection. She completes risk assessments for the premises and outings to help minimise hazards to children. Children are appropriately supervised and kept safe. The childminder takes positive steps to develop her skills and knowledge. For example, she attends training and reads childcare articles. She also meets up with other childminders and professionals to discuss current practice issues.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder understands how children learn through play. She interacts in positive ways with children to promote their learning. She enthusiastically plays alongside children to guide and motivate their learning. Overall, she teaches communication and language skills well. For example, she provides a running commentary of what children are doing and encourages young children to repeat words. Children cuddle up to the childminder and enjoy sharing books. They enjoy listening to a story about a dog. They watch as the childminder points out different characters in the pictures and laugh with excitement as she turns the pages. The childminder helps develop children's small-muscle skills well. For example, young children carefully pick up objects and post them into the holes of a shape sorter.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The childminder gathers information from parents about children on entry and knows the children's care routines well. Children from an early age demonstrate that they are growing in independence and are comfortable in their surroundings. They move around the home selecting toys of their choice to play with. The childminder encourages children to lead a healthy lifestyle. They enjoy daily fresh air and outings to support their physical development. The childminder encourages children to eat healthy food and follows good hygiene procedures. Children learn about the wider world and community. For instance, children visit places of interest in the community and attend groups to help increase their social skills.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning and development and are happy and eager to engage in activities. They are becoming successful learners and confident individuals. All children develop good skills that prepare them well for the next stage of their learning, including nursery or school. Children show a willingness to try and enjoy the activities provided. They enjoy exploring and being inquisitive.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY485279
Local authority	Derby, City of
Inspection number	1004079
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2015 and lives in Alvaston, Derby. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder has a relevant childcare qualification at level 3.

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