

Childminder Report

Inspection date	2 February 2016
Previous inspection date	1 May 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- Children are very happy. The childminder has a very gentle manner. Children settle quickly and develop very secure emotional attachments with the childminder.
- All children make lots of choices about their play and learning. As she plays alongside children, the childminder encourages children to explore and develop their own ideas.
- The childminder provides a safe environment for children. She encourages children to learn how to manage their own safety. One example of this is when the childminder talks with children about the most appropriate way to climb onto and use play equipment.
- The childminder is a positive role model and children are well supported to learn to respect and value others. She sensitively intervenes and manages any minor behaviour issues appropriately for children's level of understanding.
- Parents value the high quality of care that the childminder provides. The childminder provides them with information about children's daily activities and examples of children's progress. Parents are engaged in their children's learning and regularly share contributions about what children do at home.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Sometimes, the childminder does not consider the individual needs of all children during planned activities. This means that, occasionally, some children are not fully engaged in their learning.
- The childminder does not always use the information gathered from parents when children first start to inform her initial assessments.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance planning to always provide challenging activities which support each child's individual next steps in learning
- use all information provided by parents when children start at the setting to form even more focused starting point assessments.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and interactions between the childminder and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector viewed the areas used for childminding and looked at a selection of policies and procedures.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at evidence of the suitability of the childminder and discussed her methods for self-evaluation.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder and discussed the outcome.
- The inspector considered the views of parents provided through written feedback.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The qualified childminder is naturally reflective of her practice and uses the feedback from parents to help her shape her provision. She has completed relevant training to refresh and extend her skills and is committed to continuing her professional development. The childminder understands how children learn and about their stages of development. She observes children's play and monitors their progress. This helps her to identify areas where children may be less secure in their development. The childminder effectively uses this knowledge to plan and provide stimulating play areas and activities which are of interest to children. New children are beginning to make progress in their learning and development. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The childminder is confident in her responsibilities to promote children's welfare. She has a good understanding about safeguarding and child protection procedures, should she have any concerns about a child. The childminder is committed to and clearly enjoys her work.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are confident, active learners who are motivated to explore and try things for themselves. The childminder shares in children's excitement and pride when they persevere to complete tasks. One example of this was seen at snack times, when young children successfully scooped hummus onto their breadsticks. The childminder creates a narrative for children's play to support their developing communication and language skills. Through face-to-face interactions, the childminder encourages babies to babble as she sings nursery rhymes to them. She introduces new vocabulary and helps young children to develop a broad vocabulary. Children enjoy engaging in conversations with the childminder as they move furniture inside a doll's house and compare it to their own experiences. The childminder skilfully introduces children's mathematical development through everyday routines and play. Amongst other things young children count how many bounces they take on a trampoline as they take turns with others. The childminder promotes children's use of mathematical vocabulary during their construction play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children benefit from a range of opportunities to socialise with others, both in the childminder's home and in their local community. The childminder celebrates each child's uniqueness and she is skilled in responding to their individual needs. Babies who are new to the setting receive focused nurturing attention. All children benefit from the childminder's consistent praise and encouragement as they play. This helps to promote children's self-esteem and supports them to be emotionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning. Children learn about healthy lifestyles through planned activities and various outings, such as going for walks to the local park. The childminder provides children with wholesome meals and snacks. She helps children learn about good hygiene through their daily routines, such as handwashing before meals.

Outcomes for children are good

All children work comfortably within the development range typical for their age. The childminder helps children develop a good foundation to support their future learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY432868
Local authority	Manchester
Inspection number	853348
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	1 May 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011 and lives in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. She is open all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Thursday, except for personal holidays and bank holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 2.

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