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<b>Inspection date</b>	16 January 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 childminder has an excellent understanding of the learning and development requirements. She plans an extremely wide range of interesting activities based on children's interests. Children are highly motivated to play and learn.
- The childminder has an ambitious vision for the setting. She has high expectations of what the children can achieve and provides activities to challenge them and extend their learning. All children make exceptional progress.
- The childminder builds superb partnerships with parents. She wholly includes them in their children's learning and keeps them fully informed of the progress they make.
- The childminder monitors children's progress meticulously and ensures all children continue to make excellent progress in their learning from their starting points.
- Children are incredibly independent. The childminder encourages them to make their own choices during play and tackle small tasks, such as preparing their own lunches and dressing themselves. Children are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their learning.
- The childminder gives safeguarding her highest priority. She has an excellent awareness of possible child protection issues and is fully aware of the current processes to follow if she has a concern about a child.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to implement plans to explore further opportunities for ongoing professional development to extend skills and knowledge as fully as possible.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector engaged with the children during the inspection.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector observed the children during their indoor and outdoor play activities, as well as their snack routine.
- The inspector sampled various documents, including children's learning records, the childminder's self-evaluation form, risk assessments and a selection of policies and procedures.

### Inspector

Becky Phillips

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The childminder reflects exceptionally well on her service and takes into consideration the views of children and parents to make any changes or improvements. For example, she has recently introduced more opportunities to support children's independence, helping to prepare them for school. Professional development is very important to the childminder. She regularly attends training to further develop her practice, such as positive behaviour management. She plans to develop this further by attending courses specifically aimed at enriching her knowledge of how to support children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder is highly effective at identifying risks and teaches children how to keep themselves safe. For example, they discuss types of weather and if the garden is safe to use. If not, she makes excellent use of local parks and gym sessions so children can be physically active.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The childminder is a highly skilled communicator and listens intently to children. She expertly adapts her teaching to reflect children's different abilities. For example, she models good language with younger children and talks through their play. She skilfully asks questions to older children to extend their learning and thinking. Very accurate observations and assessments, and the childminder's extremely high expectations of all children, support her to plan highly stimulating activities. The childminder puts great thought and effort into providing experiences that successfully capture children's imagination. For example, a treasure basket full of exciting resources inspires children to explore. They eagerly use their senses and develop an excellent understanding of mathematics as they count objects and compare the sizes and shapes.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely kind and considerate. The childminder is an excellent role model for children and encourages positive behaviour, teaching the children vital social skills. For example, children develop confidence to solve problems between themselves and they share toys very effectively. Children learn to talk about their feelings and sensitively consider how others might feel. The childminder takes exceptional care of children's well-being. Children form very strong attachments to the nurturing childminder.

### Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly motivated and eager to join in. They are enthusiastic learners and show exceptional independence in selecting play activities and managing practical tasks. For example, children of all ages use tools to hammer pegs and screw bolts, developing superb physical coordination. All children make excellent progress in all areas of learning and development and are exceptionally well prepared for their move to school.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY480939
<b>Local authority</b>	Surrey
<b>Inspection number</b>	991931
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	1 - 2
<b>Total number of places</b>	5
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	2
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Samantha Jane Matthews
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable
<b>Telephone number</b>	07762 770039

The childminder registered in 2014. She lives in Bookham, Surrey. The childminder offers care from Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm, all year round except for family holidays and bank holidays.

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