

Buttercups Nursery

Falfield, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 8DB



Inspection date

17 February 2015

Previous inspection date

11 April 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide a well-organised and resourced provision, that encourages and provides good opportunities for children to develop independence, and to thrive in a caring atmosphere.
- Skilled staff know the children well and provide good opportunities for them to explore and investigate their environment. Staff demonstrate good teaching skills and children make good progress as a consequence.
- Key persons ensure children are well cared for and feel secure because of the strong emotional relationships they have established with them.
- Staff implement well-established routines to ensure the children's well-being and to ensure their individual needs are met.
- The manager uses effective systems of observation of children's learning and development, and uses this information to track their progress accurately.
- All staff use self-evaluation effectively to set targets in order to drive improvement and promote outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide children with a broad range of activities and resources to support their all-round learning and development in the outdoor area.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the outdoor play space, so all areas of learning are covered, to provide children with rich and varied learning experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of the nursery's documentation.
- The inspector made a number of observations of activities, including undertaking a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, which covered methods for checking children's learning and progress.

Inspector

Edgar Hastings

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

Staff provide a warm, welcoming and calm environment where children's needs are well provided through a thoughtful layout of softly-furnished areas. Staff use sensory toys and resources very effectively, to encourage children to examine and handle them as they learn to make sense of their world. Adults focus strongly on encouraging children to respond to spoken language, and reward their responses with praise and expressions of warm affection. Children are encouraged to do things for themselves and staff provide them with space in which to develop early physical movements, such as rolling and crawling. However, staff do not always provide activities and resources to cover all areas of learning in the outdoor environment. This does not support those children who prefer to play and learn outside. Regular observations and assessments are carried out over time so that staff are able to identify the good progress children make. Regular communication with parents keeps them well informed about children's well-being and progress. Staff provide considerable activities for parents, including regular 'stay and play' sessions to help them support their children's development.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

Staff know the children well and provide a very supportive environment in which children are happy and enjoy being in the nursery. Staff form strong bonds with children who settle very well due to the caring atmosphere. Good communication with the children ensures these relationships are well established. Children are secure and happily engage in exploring their environment. Good hygiene procedures are in place to protect children from infection. Staff understand how to safeguard children, and know the procedures to follow if concerns are raised. Staff promote healthy eating through their snack system and share this information with parents. Staff take babies out every day in their pushchairs to get fresh air and visit the local garden centre to enjoy soft play most weeks. These visits help prepare young children for life outside the prison.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The manager has a good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff are well trained and regularly undertake further training to improve their knowledge and skills. A safe environment is provided, and staff are checked for their suitability to work with young children. Self-evaluation is used very effectively, and individual staff targets are set for staff to manage in the drive for improvement. Staff undergo regular performance management appraisals and training opportunities are identified. The quality of teaching is monitored, as well as planning and the use of assessment. Staff have a very strong partnership with parents, the Mother and Baby Unit, and other organisations who attend to provide support and experiences for the children.

Setting details

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Local authority	South Gloucestershire
Inspection number	847129
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	13
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	HM Prison Service
Date of previous inspection	11 April 2011
Telephone number	01454 382244

Buttercups Nursery registered in 2004. The nursery operates from a purpose-built mother and baby unit, within Eastwood Park women's prison in Falfield, South Gloucestershire. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play with grassed and safety surfaced areas. The unit provides day care for children aged from birth to two years. It opens on Monday to Friday all year round, excluding bank holidays, from 9am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 5pm. There are two members of staff working with the children who both hold relevant childcare qualifications at level 3.

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