

The Brambles Nursery

Cape Cornwall Road, St Just, Cornwall, TR19 7JX



Inspection date

25 February 2015

Previous inspection date

14 June 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

- Children are confident and secure in the nursery because they develop strong bonds and relationships with their key person. Positive partnership with parents further supports the strong bonds and promotes children's learning needs well.
- Staff know their key children very well. They plan and provide targeted experiences and activities to promote children's learning and development, especially in their personal and social development.
- The staff's interest and involvement in activities encourages children's participation, and helps maintain their interest.
- Staff make very good use of daily routines to reinforce and encourage all children's skills.
- Staff are responsive to children's needs and put training to good use so they focus more on children's needs. The management team review and adapt the provision to meet children's changing needs through effective self-evaluation. This results in children feeling safe and secure as they progress through the provision.
- Effective links with the local school support children's smooth transitions into school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The outdoor area lacks challenge for older children, such as being able to move over a variety of levels, go under, over, behind and through obstacles to explore.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more challenging opportunities for older children when playing outdoors, so they can experiment and explore, negotiating space and moving their bodies in different ways.

Inspection activities

- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day of inspection.
- The inspector observed activities in the playrooms and the outdoor play area.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and staff.
- The inspector checked documents relating to the suitability and qualifications of staff.
- The inspector sampled documentation regarding planning and children's progress.

Inspector

Lynne Bowden

Inspection findings

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

Key persons establish children's starting points and identify their next steps quickly, in partnership with parents. They use this information to provide activities that promote children's individual progress across all areas of learning. Snack times are sociable and rich learning experiences for all children, where older ones recognise their name cards and self-register, collect their crockery and capably use cutlery to serve themselves and pour their drinks. Younger children learn to use cutlery to feed themselves. Staff skilfully engage children in conversations. At registration, children enjoy accurately counting how many children are present. This shows how staff make good use of daily routines to meet children's learning needs. Older children learn to listen and follow instructions and rules as they play team games. This reinforces the importance of sharing and turn taking. Children learn the joy and value of books as they thoroughly enjoy listening to staff reading stories to them. This leads to older children confidently looking through books and enthusiastically sharing what they find in them with their friends. Outdoor activities increase children's understanding of the world. However, the outdoor area has few areas for older children to explore and move in a variety of challenging ways. Regular visits with the local school help prepare children well for the next stage of their learning.

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

Children develop close and warm relationships with their key person. These provide very young children with a strong sense of continuity in their care. This gives them the security they need to enjoy their time at nursery and confidently explore the range of resources available. Children learn to respect and value different lifestyles and cultures through resources including books and small world toys, which reflect our diverse society. Sign language is in use throughout the nursery, to promote inclusion and extend children's communication methods. Children learn to behave well because staff are positive role models and remind children of how they expect them to behave.

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

The manager monitors staff training needs well to support their professional development. This results in improvements in practice and the staff having a secure understanding of child protection procedures and their responsibilities to safeguard children. The manager follows effective systems to check staff suitability. Staff carry out regular risk assessments to ensure the secure premises remain safe. The manager monitors the effectiveness of the education programme to identify and address any gaps in children's learning. This results in all children receiving quality care and learning opportunities, and making good progress across all areas of learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY421711
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	832730
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	60
Name of provider	The Brambles Nursery & Children's Centre Ltd
Date of previous inspection	14 June 2011
Telephone number	01736 786 633

The Brambles Nursery registered in 2011. It shares premises with St Just children's centre, in the village of St Just, near Penzance, Cornwall. It is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. The nursery receives education funding for two-, three- and four-year-old children. There are nine members of childcare staff. Of these, one has Early Years Professional status, four hold early years qualifications at National Vocational Qualification level 3 and three hold level 2 qualifications.

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