

# Denmead Express

Denmead Infant School, Hambledon Road, Denmead, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 6PN



<b>Inspection date</b>	29 April 2015
Previous inspection date	27 April 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	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		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- The quality of children's care is outstanding. The high attention and skill of the staff to support their well-being shines through in the club's nurturing atmosphere.
- Children have fun and build extremely trusting relationships with the staff and friends. They demonstrate they love to be at the club; they are extremely happy and settled in the stimulating environment.
- Safety and safeguarding is central to the staff's practice. Security to the setting is high and the child collection procedure is robust. Children are encouraged to think of how to keep safe during a reflective discussion at snack time about the wet weather and their exciting outdoor play.
- The deputy manager is highly skilled in her communication skills and breaking down barriers, to ensure there are very positive relationships with the school and children's centre. This completely supports children's continuity of care and provides excellent joined-up working.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- The staff do not always promote children's personal independence and sense of responsibility during the snack time routine.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- promote children's personal independence and sense of responsibility consistently during the snack time routine.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the children's play activities and snack time routine.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nominated person, deputy manager and childcare coordinator about leadership and management, and self-evaluation, and looked at relevant documentation.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the deputy manager.

### Inspector

Lorraine Wardlaw

## Inspection findings

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

Staff meet children's play needs well, providing a good range of activities for them to enjoy in their leisure time. Children have fun with their friends. They are busily engaged and well-motivated, making their own play decisions. Children's choices include creating their own pictures out of a variety of materials, table-top games and being imaginative with play dough. The staff are close by giving the children a lot of attention and support in their play. Staff promote good conversations at 'snack and chat' and successfully build on the skills and knowledge children gain while at school. Children have opportunities to rest, watching a DVD and to share books with friends in the cosy, comfortable area. The staff encourage children to be personally independent but the snack time routine does not always promote children's self-help skills and taking responsibility for themselves.

### **The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is outstanding**

Children flourish at the extremely well-organised club because staff are highly skilled and sensitive to their care needs. They know the children's personalities exceptionally well and there is excellent attention in promoting strong relationships at all levels. Children behave extremely well and show high levels of confidence. They thrive on the strategies that help them feel safe and secure emotionally. For example, they gain raffle tickets for kind, positive behaviour and if they win the raffle they take home 'Turtle Denny' and record in his diary his time with them. The high attention to safety means children are very safe and staff skilfully build solid communication links with the school to support children's health and welfare. The highly stimulating, attractive school environment inside and out provides very well for children's play needs and all-round development. Children enjoy being physically active on the challenging outdoor play equipment and learn good healthy practices. Staff meet children's physical and nutritional needs well.

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

The effective management team implements robust policies and procedures to ensure they meet the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. There is a strong emphasis on safeguarding children; all staff are fully trained and know what to do if worried about a child. Robust recruitment, vetting and induction procedures ensure staff are fully knowledgeable about their roles and responsibilities. They are well qualified, and there is strong emphasis on performance management, although mostly for the permanent staff. Management continually evaluates and monitors the outcomes for children; ensuring quality is consistently good to maintain high standards. A well-targeted improvement plan ensures the club is continually moving forward. Partnerships with parents and other settings are very strong. The club prepares children well for their next stage in learning.

## Setting details

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<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	4 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	29
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	3
<b>Name of provider</b>	Horndean Technology College
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	27 April 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	07789 206685

Denmead Express registered in 2006 and is a satellite club, of an existing out-of-school club run through Hampshire County Council. It operates from Denmead Infant School. The club is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm during the school term.

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