

Sunshine and Showers I

16 Jefferstone Lane, St. Marys Bay, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 0SW



Inspection date

9 April 2015

Previous inspection date

7 September 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Requires improvement	3
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Requires improvement	3
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Requires improvement	3
The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- Risk assessment procedures are not always effectively used to ensure that all possible hazards are identified and minimised.
- Staff do not fully support children to learn about their own culture and the wider world.
- Staff do not consistently maximise children's learning during planned activities by incorporating individual children's learning aims into planned activities.

It has the following strengths

- Children have access to a wide range of well-organised and stimulating resources.
- Staff and children have positive relationships which support children's emotional well-being.
- Staff have strong relationships with parents and provide guidance to families when needed.
- The manager ensures that staff training and qualifications have a positive impact on children. All training is shared as a team and staff are encouraged to contribute new ideas to drive forward improvements during meetings and regular supervisions.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- ensure risk assessments are effectively used to robustly identify and minimise all possible hazards to children, particularly in the outside play area.

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

- review ways to enhance children's learning during planned activities
- extend children's opportunities to explore, observe and learn about their own culture and the wider world around them.

To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register the provider must:

- ensure risk assessments are used effectively to help identify all possible hazards for children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure risk assessments are used effectively to help identify all possible hazards for children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

Inspection activities

- The inspector held meetings with the provider, the manager and deputy of the nursery, and completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at children's records, including their learning assessments, and spoke to staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of safeguarding practices, staff recruitment, ongoing professional development and self-evaluation processes.
- The inspector observed activities in the play rooms and the outside play areas.

Inspector

Anna Kersley

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This requires improvement

Overall, staff provide children with a range of activities that promote learning. Staff generally adapt activities to meet children's changing needs and interests. For example, they relate children's learning to real experiences such as farm animals they have seen. However, sometimes, staff do not make the most of planned activities to maximise children's individual learning aims. Staff monitor children's progress closely to identify any gaps in learning. They regularly share children's development with parents to ensure they are able to play an active part in their children's learning. Staff encourage parents to contribute their own observations of what they see their children do at home. Staff value parents' input and use it to enhance their own assessments and records of development.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children requires improvement

Staff know children and parents well and this helps them to support any changing needs. However, staff do not fully use this understanding of children's family life to ensure children have opportunities to learn about their own culture and the wider world around them. Children learn to manage some of their own care needs. For example, children use their own wash flannels to clean their own faces and use tissues to blow their own noses. Staff extend opportunities for children to learn to become independent because they encourage children to collect their own individual water bottles which are labelled with their names and personal pictures. This also helps children to develop early reading skills, which help them to prepare for school.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision requires improvement

Most of the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are met. However, although risk assessment procedures are completed daily, these are not always effectively used to identify all possible risks to children. Therefore not all hazards, particularly in the garden, are noted and minimised. The manager rigorously monitors children's learning, which enables additional support to be arranged should any gaps in children's progress be identified. As a result, all children make good progress from their starting points. The manager is keen to drive forward improvements and has self-evaluation procedures to gather the views of the staff, parents and children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	127664
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	840691
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	45
Name of provider	Sunshine & Showers Nursery School Ltd
Date of previous inspection	7 September 2010
Telephone number	01303 872610

Sunshine and Showers I registered in 1998 and is one of two privately owned nurseries run by Sunshine and Showers Ltd. The nursery is in St Mary's Bay, Kent and is open from 8am until 6pm, weekdays, for 48 weeks of the year. There is a total of 10 staff who are employed to work with the children, of whom nine hold appropriate early years childcare qualifications.

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