

Townsend Montessori Nursery Faversham

2B Euro Centre, Whitstable Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8ED



Inspection date

3 June 2015

Previous inspection date

7 September 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
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 settle children at the nursery very quickly because they take time to find out what children like and their individual needs. This enables them to feel emotionally safe and begin to rapidly enjoy their learning experiences.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. Staff have an excellent understanding of children's capabilities through robust observation, assessment and activity planning. Therefore, all children make excellent progress given their starting points and capabilities.
- Staff have very good relationships with parents. Parents meet with key persons regularly to review their children's progress. Therefore, they are aware of their children's progress and how ready they are for school.
- The provider has good security procedures to ensure that children are unable to leave the premises unsupervised and to ensure that all visitors to the nursery are checked prior to being allowed in.
- Staff teach children to share, take turns and respect each other, which means that children have good social skills and behave well.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff incorporate some mathematical language into children's play outside. However, staff do not always include references to mathematical concepts such as weight, volume and measurement.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase further the use of mathematical language with children to help them understand different mathematical concepts, including weights and measurements, particularly in the outdoor area.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled a variety of paperwork including the nursery's safeguarding policy and reporting procedures, menus and garden transfer procedures.
- The inspector talked to managers, staff, children and parents to gain their views of the setting.
- The inspector carried out a short joint observation with the manager in the garden.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the staff and children during activities indoors and outdoors.

Inspector

Linda Coccia

Inspection findings

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

Staff prepare children for their move to school by concentrating on teaching them the skills they need to ensure that they are ready and prepared. For example, staff work on improving children's listening and communication skills through daily group story times and activities. This teaches children to work purposefully together to achieve an end goal. Staff are enthusiastic and anticipate children's changing needs and interests as they play with the children. Staff keep meticulous and extensive progress records to monitor children's learning and development. This enables children to make excellent progress given their starting points and capabilities. Therefore, children are ready for their move to school.

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

The provider has taken appropriate steps to ensure that staff understand the policies and procedures for the storage and administration of medication that children bring into the nursery. This helps to ensure that children do not access medicine which is not prescribed for them. The staff gather details from parents regarding children's likes and dislikes with regard to food and ensure that if children do not like what is offered, they are able to have an alternative. Therefore, this ensures that children are not hungry. Staff who work with the older children encourage them to manage their own personal hygiene routines, such as going to the toilet. However, they are on hand should children need support. This helps children to learn to take care of their own needs ready for their move to school.

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

The provider meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Procedures for taking children out to the garden have been strengthened to promote children's safety effectively. Staff are effectively deployed to ensure that staff to child ratios are maintained at all times. The manager calls on staff from the other nurseries to help out in the event of staff holidays or sickness. There are regular opportunities for staff to have supervision and the manager observes their practices. This enables the manager to identify training to strengthen and support staff practices and professional development. All staff understand the procedures to follow if an allegation is made against another member of staff or if they have concerns about a child in their care. The provider has good procedures to ensure that any complaints and concerns raised are checked and action taken where necessary. The manager uses self-evaluation to continually monitor the strengths and weakness of the nursery and takes into account the views of parents, staff and children. This identifies areas for improvement to promote positive outcomes for children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY425824
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1015832
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	115
Number of children on roll	242
Name of provider	Townsend Montessori Nurseries Ltd
Date of previous inspection	7 September 2011
Telephone number	01795 539803

Townsend Montessori Nursery Faversham registered in 2011. It is situated on the ground floor of an office building in the town of Faversham, Kent. It follows the Montessori method of education. The nursery is open each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. Of the 32 staff who work at the nursery, 27 hold appropriate early years qualifications. Of these, one member of staff holds a qualification at level 4 and another staff member holds a qualification at level 5.

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