

Little Star Nursery

Elm Hayes Surgery, Clandown Road, Paulton, BRISTOL, BS39 7SF



Inspection date	29 May 2015
Previous inspection date	31 August 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 have warm, caring relationships with children and provide good support for all areas of their development. This has a positive impact on children's well-being and provides a firm foundation for their next stages of development.
- Staff follow children's lead and enable them to learn through exploration and discovery. They involve all children through encouragement and fun. As a result, children gain positive attitudes and enjoy their learning.
- Staff work well as a team and are confident in understanding their responsibilities in meeting all requirements. This is because the manager provides a good role model and effective supervision.
- Staff successfully support children's language and communication skills. They respond well to babies' babbling and gestures, repeating words to help babies develop their vocabulary.
- The management team uses good systems of self-evaluation, including gaining staff and parents' feedback. From this they have implemented new ways of communicating with parents to work even better in partnership to benefit the children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always ensure all children can engage fully in story time, so they sometimes become distracted.
- Older children do not have opportunities to extend their understanding of technology because the resources lack challenge.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of story time so that all children can engage fully
- plan to challenge older children more when learning to use technology equipment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with staff and parents present on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a meeting and joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector checked safeguarding information and the premises.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including policies and procedures, children's development records and planning.

Inspector

Elaine Douglas

Inspection findings

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

Staff complete good documentation in partnership with parents to identify children's development and routines when they first start at the nursery. Staff include children's interests and next stages of learning in the planning. This helps staff provide a unique educational programme to meet each child's needs well. Children are active learners, moving around the whole premises with control and coordination. For example, at the inspection babies used the space well to strengthen their leg muscles in preparation for walking and older children carefully climbed up and down the indoor climbing frame. Staff are sensitive to children's thinking and value their independent activity. They interact at appropriate times to support or challenge learning. Overall, staff organise activities well so children have opportunities to start to learn as a group. For example, they looked at the trees blowing outside and the rain splashing in puddles to understand about the effects of weather. Staff support children well in becoming independent, such as washing their hands or pulling up the zip on their coats. Staff provide just the right amount of help to enable children's success.

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

Staff make home visits to help them form bonds with children and their families before they start at the nursery. Consequently, the key person is able to meet children's physical and emotional needs effectively. Staff have re-organised the environment since their last inspection. They now provide children with independent access to resources that enable them to be active, show curiosity and build on their interests. At the inspection, children used large tubes as an instrument, telescope and even a horse to ride on, for example. Staff now make better use of the outdoor area and this meets some children's preferred learning styles very well. Some children move confidently between the indoor and outdoor environments choosing where to play because staff deploy themselves effectively.

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

The manager has a good overview of all children's development. She ensures staff complete the progress check for two-year-old children at the appropriate time. This enables them to identify any additional support to close any gaps in children's learning and development. Following training, staff have revised the way they promote healthy outcomes for children. They purchased more resources to involve young children in the preparation of food. In addition, they send home cookery bags for children to enjoy activities with their parents. Staff know how to implement the clear policies and procedures to safeguard children and protect their welfare. They carry out good risk assessments and keep the premises secure.

Setting details

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Local authority	Bath & NE Somerset
Inspection number	823193
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	11
Number of children on roll	23
Name of provider	Little Star Nursery Partnership
Date of previous inspection	31 August 2011
Telephone number	01761 413155

Little Star Nursery is one of two privately owned nurseries and registered in 2011. It operates from the Community Room in Elm Hayes Surgery, Paulton, Bristol. The nursery is for children who are under three years old only. They receive funding to provide free early education for children aged two years old. The nursery opens each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are seven members of staff. Of these, the manager holds a degree in early years, one member of staff holds an early years qualification at Level 5 and four hold qualifications at Level 3. The manager is working towards an early years teaching qualification.

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