

# Northgate House Childcare Centre

64 Station Road, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire, HP9 1LG



## Inspection date

20 August 2015

Previous inspection date

9 December 2010

<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		Good	2
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

- Staff promote children's personal, social and emotional skills very well. This helps to extend children skills as they move through the nursery and on to other settings, such as school.
- Staff carry out precise observations and assessments regularly on children's development. This helps them to identify and support any gaps in learning promptly. Children make good progress all round.
- Children behave very well. Staff make good use of resources and activities to help them learn to share and take turns.
- Staff promote healthy eating consistently during meal times and through activities. The chef provides a wide range of healthy and nutritious snacks, and freshly cooked meals.
- The leadership and management is strong. The manager supervises all staff closely, which helps her to identify any support and training needs promptly.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Not all staff use highly skilled questioning techniques to encourage children to share their thoughts and knowledge.
- Staff do not always provide a challenging environment for children of pre-school age to extend their mathematical skills, particularly for those who prefer to learn outside.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the questioning techniques used by all staff to encourage children to share their thoughts and knowledge further
- extend the mathematical skills of children of pre-school age, particularly for those who prefer to learn outside.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector had a discussion with the provider and manager.
- The inspector talked with staff, some children and parents to seek their views.
- The inspector looked at a range of relevant documentation relating to safeguarding, suitability records, policies and procedures and learning and development.

### Inspector

Helen Harnew

## Inspection findings

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

Staff have a good understanding of how children learn and develop. They provide children with a wide variety of resources, indoors and in the garden. This helps to encourage children to be creative thinkers. For example, outside, children dress up in outfits and act out characters, while others pretend to dig up holes on a construction site. Staff help children to become good problem solvers. Children discuss and test ways of balancing and moving the tower blocks they build. They take on roles to help each other, which helps to extend their social skills. Staff form strong partnerships with parents. They use many opportunities to share plenty of information with parents about their child's progress. Parents say they feel well informed about their child's learning and care during their time at the nursery, and staff provide ideas for further learning at home.

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

Staff provide a vibrant and stimulating environment, which children freely explore. They operate an effective key-person system. New babies and children settle quickly as staff give them the support they need and time to explore the environment at their own pace. Staff provide effective ways for children to practise their independence skills. For example, children pour their own drinks and serve themselves at mealtimes. They learn to tidy away carefully and return equipment to its storage space when they finish playing outside. This helps children learn to look after, and appreciate, the resources. Staff regularly teach children about how to keep themselves safe. For example, they teach them how to carefully cut up their own food at lunch time. Strong partnerships with local schools help staff understand the skills children need when they move on to school. They prepare children well for this experience.

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

The management team constantly drives improvement of the nursery. They reflect on all areas of the nursery and set clear goals, seeking views and suggestions from parents through discussions and parent questionnaires. They work closely with the local authority to evaluate practice in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and identify areas for improvement. The manager oversees children's progress to ensure each child is developing well in all areas. Staff have regular opportunities to discuss children's development and go on further training to update their knowledge and skills. Staff know the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child's welfare, which helps them to protect children from harm. The management team carries out thorough checks on staff as part of the recruitment process to ensure their suitability. Staff check the premises daily to minimise any hazards. This all helps to keep children safe.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY407992
<b>Local authority</b>	Buckinghamshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	831618
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	57
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	70
<b>Name of provider</b>	Brindley House Properties Ltd
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 December 2010
<b>Telephone number</b>	01494676272

Northgate House registered in 2010 in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. It opens from Monday to Friday, 51 weeks of the year from 7.30am until 6.30pm. The nursery employs 23 staff, 15 of whom have a childcare qualification between levels 2 and 5, and one member of staff holds Early Years Professional Status.

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