

2nd Home Childcare Ltd@Chowdene

Chowdene Children's Centre, Waverley Road, Gateshead, NE9 7TU



Inspection date	2 November 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff use good settling-in procedures to collect detailed information from parents about their children's individual needs and preferences. This helps them to meet children's learning needs.
- Managers closely review staff performance, such as through regular supervisions. Staff make good use of training opportunities and demonstrate a secure understanding of how young children learn.
- Children engage well in activities. Staff support them to use their exploratory skills to investigate resources and find out what things can do. Children add materials together, such as sand and water, to create their own mixtures.
- Children have very good opportunities to develop their learning outdoors. They learn to manage their own safety and enjoy exploring natural materials.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager has not developed highly effective partnership working with other professionals, including schools and local providers.
- Staff do not yet share precise information with parents about how they can further support their children's learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the partnership working with other professionals, including local schools, in order to help improve the outcomes for children and their families
- enhance the already good partnerships with parents and further promote their understanding of, and involvement in, their children's learning and development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the playgroup manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the playgroup manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation, including the playgroup's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the playgroup.
- The inspector spoke to children and a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Emma Allison

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Managers regularly seek the views of parents, staff and children when reviewing the quality of the provision. They display high expectations of staff and children and are proactive in driving improvement forward. They foster a culture of reflective practice and use development plans to consider ways to make improvements. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Managers have robust policies and procedures in place, and demonstrate a thorough understanding of what to do if they are concerned about a child's welfare.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The quality of teaching is strong. Staff use observations and assessments to effectively plan for children's next steps in learning. They are well qualified and use their knowledge and skills to provide exciting and challenging activities for children. Staff sensitively play alongside children and encourage them to use their imagination skills. Children act out different roles as they collect real pieces of fruit and vegetables in their shopping baskets, before making pizzas in the toy kitchen. Children are motivated to learn. They delight in exploring dough, squashing it in their hands, making marks and creating models. This helps to promote their creativity. Children's communication skills are effectively promoted. They enjoy listening to their favourite stories and join in with staff, singing familiar nursery rhymes. Staff ask well-timed questions and allow children time to respond, supporting their thinking skills. Staff are enthusiastic and encourage children to make new discoveries in their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are happy and well settled. Despite them only having attended for a few weeks, they display close relationships with the staff. Staff support children's independence skills well. They talk to children about planned activities and encourage them to think about what resources they may need. Children are encouraged to make choices and solve problems they may encounter during their play, helping to promote their confidence and self-esteem. Staff are good role models. As a result, behaviour is consistently good. Staff encourage children to form friendships with each other. They offer gentle reminders to children to share and take turns. Staff provide opportunities for children to develop their physical skills. Children delight in using their whole bodies when exploring large piles of leaves in the outdoor area. Staff provide children with healthy snacks and drinks and support them to follow good hygiene practices.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning from their starting points. Staff support children to develop skills needed for future learning. They regularly promote children's mathematical development. Children are encouraged to use number names, count and develop an awareness of different shapes in the environment. Staff provide opportunities for children to develop their literacy skills. Children talk about the various marks they make as they paint with water in the outside area.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY475617
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	965867
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	9
Name of provider	2nd Home Childcare Ltd
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01914111300

2nd Home Childcare Ltd@Chowdene was registered in 2014. The playgroup employs three members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one at level 6. The playgroup opens from Monday to Friday term time only. Sessions are from 9am until 12pm. The playgroup provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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