

Little Shining Stars

off Brougham Road, Lakeside, Huddersfield, HD7 6AE



Inspection date	10 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

- Leadership and management are good. The management team implement regular opportunities to clearly identify strengths and possible training needs during staff supervision. Self-evaluation is effective. The staff team work together, applying the ongoing development plan and evaluating the nursery to promote continuous improvement.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. The ongoing sharing of information successfully involves parents in every aspect of their children's care and learning.
- Staff provide good support to extend children's interests. They know children very well and understand precisely how to motivate them. Children seek staff to share their learning because they know staff give them support and inspiration.
- Children's progress and achievements are good, given their starting points and capabilities. Children enjoy a range of interesting and enjoyable activities across all areas of learning. This supports them in acquiring the skills they need for school.
- The key-person system is implemented well. Key persons build friendly and trusting relationships with parents and children. They make sure that children's care and learning needs are met.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not share information about children's development with all the other early years providers that children attend, to ensure consistency in learning.
- The outdoor play area does not provide a wide range of stimulating opportunities and experiences to challenge those children who learn better outdoors.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the partnerships with all other settings that children attend
- develop learning opportunities further for children in the outdoor play area.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector had discussions with the manager and staff. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of adults in the setting.
- The inspector took the written views of parents into account.

Inspector

Helene Terry

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of how to keep children safe. They know the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child in their care. They work closely with other agencies to protect children. There are clear arrangements for staff supervision. Opportunities for regular training help to promote good learning outcomes for children. The manager's attention to reviewing the educational programme helps to ensure that any gaps in children's learning are quickly identified and addressed.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff are well qualified and know the children well. They find out about children's starting points when they first attend the nursery. They continue to encourage parents to share what they know about their child to promote continuity of care and learning. Staff use their observations and assessments of the children to plan stimulating and challenging activities indoors. Staff are very adept at using spontaneous events that arise from their interactions with children to extend learning. Babies explore using their senses as they play with the natural resources in the treasure baskets. Staff promote children's communication and language development very well. They model effective thinking and listening skills, and build on children's vocabulary. Children develop their understanding of numbers as they help staff use a tape measure to measure their height.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are very friendly. They create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all children and their families. Effective settling-in procedures help children build close relationships with staff and other children. Children behave very well and respond positively to the high expectations from staff. Staff support children to develop good friendships with each other, play well together and build confidence in their own abilities. Individual needs are met well. Children are supported to be very independent within the setting. They are encouraged to put on their own weatherproof suits and wellingtons before going out to play. Babies are encouraged to feed themselves, and older children serve their own food and make choices about what they want to eat. Children learn about food that is good for them, and how to keep themselves safe through the activities and routines of the day. They learn about the wider community and how to respect each other's similarities and differences. This helps promote children's understanding of the world around them.

Outcomes for children are good

Staff are aware of children's starting points and capabilities and they support them well. Planning focuses on all areas of learning and incorporates children's likes and interests. This helps them make good progress. All children are working well within their expected developmental age bands and some children are exceeding these.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY475114
Local authority	Kirklees
Inspection number	976300
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 9
Total number of places	45
Number of children on roll	43
Name of provider	Little Shining Stars Limited
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07572 243802

Little Shining Stars was registered in 2014. The nursery employs 10 members of childcare staff. Of these, all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The nursery opens Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6pm, all year round. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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