

Abbot House Nursery

Seasalter Christian Centre, 51 Faversham Road, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 4AX



Inspection date

Previous inspection date

3 February 2016

29 November 2010

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Outstanding | 1 |
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| | Previous inspection: | Outstanding | 1 |
| Effectiveness of the leadership and management | | Outstanding | 1 |
| Quality of teaching, learning and assessment | | Outstanding | 1 |
| Personal development, behaviour and welfare | | Outstanding | 1 |
| Outcomes for children | | Outstanding | 1 |

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The management and staff have an excellent understanding of how to safeguard and protect children. They complete thorough risk assessments and constantly supervise children to ensure that they are safe and secure at all times.
- Staff provide children with a highly stimulating environment with an excellent range of fun and interesting activities both inside and outside.
- Exceptionally secure settling-in procedures help children forge extremely close attachments to staff. Children are very confident and eager to come to nursery to interact with staff who support their well-being extensively.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The well-qualified and experienced staff use accurate observations and assessments of children's progress highly effectively to plan challenging activities. All children make significant progress in their learning.
- Leadership is inspirational. The management and staff team show an awe-inspiring commitment and drive for continuous improvement. Their highly reflective self-evaluation procedures help them to provide excellent care and education for all children.
- Parents are fully involved in their children's learning and there are exceptional relationships between the nursery and families. Parents and staff constantly share information to support 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:

- strengthen even further the already excellent opportunities for children to develop their creativity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff interactions with children inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke to parents about their views on the service that they receive.
- The inspector spoke to the management and staff about their understanding of the learning and development and safeguarding requirements.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's records, planning, risk assessments, and safeguarding policies and procedures.

Inspector
Sara Garrity

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and all staff have an in-depth knowledge and awareness of safeguarding and the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about children in their care. The manager is exceptionally well organised and regularly monitors staff performance. She has an extremely detailed staff training plan in place and receives support from a network of other professionals, to keep her own knowledge and skills up to date. The manager meticulously monitors staff assessments of children's development, to ensure that any gaps in children's learning are quickly addressed. Staff seek advice from external agencies and work extremely closely with specialists to support all children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The dedicated and enthusiastic staff team provide children with a wealth of exciting learning experiences. They have an excellent knowledge of how children learn. Staff recognise the individual needs and interests of children, to ensure that they are all actively involved in their play. Children develop an excellent awareness of their own and others' backgrounds through discussion, stories and creative activities. However, the extensive range of art and craft materials is not always fully accessible. There are strong links with the local community. Children develop a great sense of belonging and enjoy visiting the local church to join in with 'song time'. This also helps to develop their personal, social and emotional development. Staff consistently show that they value children's conversation, for example, as they listen to children's stories. Children show high levels of involvement, asking questions continually, being inquisitive and highly motivated.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children demonstrate exemplary manners and behaviour. Staff teach the children how to manage their own feelings and develop systems to help them learn to share and take turns. For example, children make superb use of sand timers to know when it is their turn. Staff teach children about how to have a healthy diet exceptionally well. They support them to develop excellent personal hygiene routines and help them develop their independence. For instance, they encourage them to cut up their own fruit at snack time. The fantastic outside facilities enable children to practise physical skills. They are able to take small risks, for example, as they increase their climbing and balancing abilities.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those with special educational needs and those for whom the nursery receives additional funding, make exceptional progress. Children have the skills needed for the next stage in their learning and eventual move to school.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | 126951 |
| Local authority | Kent |
| Inspection number | 825390 |
| Type of provision | Full-time provision |
| Day care type | Childcare - Non-Domestic |
| Registers | Early Years Register |
| Age range of children | 2 - 4 |
| Total number of places | 23 |
| Number of children on roll | 39 |
| Name of provider | Abbot House Nursery Committee |
| Date of previous inspection | 29 November 2010 |
| Telephone number | 01227 263366 |

Abbot House Nursery registered in 1998 and is run by a committee. The nursery operates from a bungalow next to the Christian Centre in Seasalter, near Whitstable in Kent. It is open during term time only, from 9.15am to 2.15pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9.15am to 12.15pm on a Tuesday and Thursday. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. It also receives funding for the early years pupil premium. The nursery employs nine members of staff; of whom, five hold relevant early years qualifications at level 2 or above. Three staff hold Qualified Teacher Status.

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