

# Children's Nature Nursery at Lymington



South Baddesley Village Hall, South Baddesley, Lymington, Hamps, SO41 5RP

## Inspection date

3 March 2016

Previous inspection date

24 February 2011

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	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

- Highly skilled staff use the outside environment very effectively to enhance children's learning and ensure that they make outstanding progress. For example, children plant and tend vegetables, look after the goats and enjoy collecting the chickens' eggs.
- Children feel exceptionally secure and show high levels of confidence. They build very secure relationships with the adults and other children.
- Management and staff work extremely closely with parents and other early years professionals and settings, such as the local schools. These strong partnerships contribute significantly to children's emotional well-being and their excellent progress.
- Exceptional staff place a high emphasis on teaching children how to stay safe. For example, staff allow children to take controlled risks, teaching them how to climb trees and use a wide range of tools safely.
- The inspirational managers value their staff highly and support them extremely well. They offer a wide range of training courses and learning opportunities to promote the staff's continued professional development.
- Children are encouraged to be highly motivated in their learning and show high levels of concentration as they participate in an extensive range of learning opportunities.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the ways parents share information about their child's learning at home to promote further the combined support for children's learning.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector completed a joint observation with management and discussed the findings.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at different times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed observations in the classroom, the outdoor environment, including the farm, and during a walk on the country estate.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gain their views.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including staff records, self-evaluation and children's learning records.

### Inspector

Lorraine Sparey

## Inspection findings

### **Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding**

The managers use highly effective methods to monitor and evaluate the provision. They offer training covering a wide range of subjects, and guidance and mentoring between the various nurseries to support staff. Extremely successful methods ensure that staff deliver a rich and varied curriculum, tailored precisely to children's individual needs. Managers and staff work extremely closely with other early years professionals to enhance children's learning and provide high levels of support to children with additional needs. Safeguarding is effective. All staff receive training, and ongoing support to ensure they maintain a secure understanding of child protection. Staff work extremely closely with parents, particularly when children settle in to ensure they are secure. The managers recognise that they could enhance further the way that parents can share information about children's achievements at home. Parents value the staff and enjoy the many family social occasions.

### **Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding**

Managers are exceptional role models. Staff are enthusiastic and dedicated to ensuring that every child reaches their potential. Teaching is inspiring. Staff provide purposeful activities that engage and motivate children in their learning. They are adept in responding to children to encourage them to develop their ideas. For example, when a group of children decided to make a volcano, staff provided excellent resources to enable them to follow their interest. The children talked knowledgeably about the lava and used water to recreate the lava flowing from the volcano. Staff know the children extremely well and are highly skilled in using their observations and assessment of what children know and can do to plan activities that help children to make rapid progress.

### **Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding**

Children are exceptionally secure and are keen to come into the nursery. They excitedly greet staff and quickly become engrossed in their learning. Children are highly independent and spend considerable time at their chosen activities. For example, children thoroughly enjoy yoga and concentrate intently to try the different positions, supported by enthusiastic staff. Children have excellent opportunities to learn about healthy lifestyles and sustainability. They learn how to prepare vegetables and make their own healthy and nutritious cooked lunches. Children's behaviour is exemplary. They are extremely polite and well mannered to staff and each other.

### **Outcomes for children are outstanding**

Children are highly motivated learners. They make outstanding progress from their starting points. They have well developed social and language skills and are skilled in using a wide range of equipment. Children are exceptionally well prepared for school.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY350662
<b>Local authority</b>	Hampshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	827644
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	2 - 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	35
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	58
<b>Name of provider</b>	Children's Nature Nursery at Lymington Limited
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	24 February 2011
<b>Telephone number</b>	01590 626 607

Children's Nature Nursery at Lymington registered in 2007. It is one of several nurseries owned by the same company. It operates from a converted village hall in South Baddesley, near Lymington in Hampshire. The nursery is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are nine members of staff who work with the children. Of these, eight hold relevant childcare qualifications. One member of staff has Early Years Professional Status, three staff hold qualifications at level 6, and four members of staff hold qualifications at level 3.

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