Woodland Day Nursery

Church Walk, Bradwell, GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk, NR31 8QQ



Inspection date	16 March 2016
Previous inspection date	19 October 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- Children enjoy attending this welcoming and friendly nursery. Staff plan and organise rewarding activities which reflect children's differing needs, abilities and interests. Children eagerly join in and enjoy learning. Staff are enthusiastic and encouraging, ensuring that learning is fun, appropriately challenging and that children remain involved and persevere.
- Staff have a warm and caring rapport with children and recognise the uniqueness of each child. They monitor all children's learning effectively. Gaps in children's learning are quickly identified and targeted support is put into place, in partnership with other professionals and parents. This supports all children to reach their full potential.
- Staff build excellent working relationships with parents. Parents are encouraged to share in their children's learning and experiences in the nursery and to support their learning at home. They speak highly of the staff and the quality of the nursery provision.
- Staff work very closely with teachers from the on-site school. They work together to support children's move into school to help them succeed well in future learning.
- Staff work as a team to ensure their teaching and care practices are good. There is a strong drive for continuous improvement in children's learning experiences and in the provision as a whole.

It is not yet outstanding because:

Staff supervision is not sharply focused enough on identifying aspects of teaching that can be further improved to raise the quality of teaching and learning to an exceptional standard.

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 programme of professional development for staff and increase the potential to consistently deliver teaching of the very highest quality.

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 spoke with staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection and completed a joint observation with the deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the deputy manager and the nominated provider.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as, the nursery's self-evaluation, records of children's learning and development, a selection of policies and procedures, and risk assessments.
- The inspector checked the evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a small number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lindsey Cullum

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff confidently demonstrate a secure understanding of how to keep children safe from harm. The management team has developed a robust set of policies which are implemented effectively to support their good practice. They strive to make improvements, actively seeking and acting on the views of parents, staff and other professionals. Managers work with staff to establish a programme of training to support their professional development. This ensures that the well-qualified team remain up to date and maintain good professional knowledge. Children's progress is closely monitored. Staff implement a learning programme to support individual children which has depth and breadth across all areas of learning. Staff regularly exchange information with other professionals in order to adopt a very consistent approach to supporting all children's learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff have a sound knowledge of children's learning and developmental needs, as a result of their accurate assessments and frequent discussions with parents. They confidently plan for children's next steps in learning and work exceptionally well with parents so that they can continue with their children's learning at home. Planned topics, such as the life cycle of insects and plants, enhance children's learning further. Children's language and communication skills are promoted very well. Staff model language and help to extend children's vocabulary by introducing new words which children then use in their play. Children demonstrate a strong interest in technology, and concentrate for extended periods as they play games that match colours and shapes. Staff make learning fun as they enthusiastically join in children's play. They demonstrate and encourage, introducing counting and letter recognition as children make marks with chalk.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's well-being is an utmost priority in the nursery. The caring staff help children to feel emotionally secure. Staff praise children frequently and value their opinions. Children gain confidence and positive self-esteem. They enjoy showing staff and visitors what they have made because they know their efforts are valued and appreciated. Children demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility. They thoroughly enjoy being the helper and enthusiastically carry out tasks with staff, such as taking dinner money to the school office. Children form friendships and happily interact alongside each other as they use their imagination and learn to negotiate to keep play going. They readily share resources and show kindness and consideration for their friends. Children relish playing in the very well-resourced outdoor area. This is divided into sections to accommodate a variety of purposeful learning, such as investigation and physical development. They enjoy testing their physical skills as they climb and balance on equipment, learning to take some risks.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress in relation to their starting points, including those in receipt of funding. Children enjoy good relationships, strong communication skills and are developing the attitudes and dispositions to be well prepared for school.

Setting details

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Local authority Norfolk

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register

Age range of children 3 - 5

Total number of places 26

Number of children on roll 49

Name of provider Woodlands Day Nursery Committee

Date of previous inspection 19 October 2011

Telephone number 01493 660747

Woodlands Day Nursery was registered in 2007 and is run by an independent management committee. It operates from a purpose built unit at the Woodlands Primary Academy in Bradwell, Great Yarmouth. The nursery opens all year round, Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm. There are seven members of staff who work directly with children. All the staff hold relevant childcare qualifications to level 2 or above. The setting provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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