

Little Ones Honiton

The Nursery, St. Pauls Road, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1BR



Inspection date	6 May 2016
Previous inspection date	26 May 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
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

- All children make excellent progress in their learning relative to their starting points. Staff use their extremely good observations to plan highly challenging and stimulating activities that build very effectively on children's existing skills and knowledge.
- Children of all ages are extremely confident, with high self-esteem. Very effective settling-in procedures ensure staff help all children, including babies, to feel emotionally secure and quickly develop warm and affectionate relationships with them.
- Staff have very strong relationships with parents and involve them in their children's learning from the start. Staff and parents share information about children's progress and development extremely effectively. Staff value information about children's learning at home, which contributes very effectively to the assessment and planning process.
- Children who have special educational needs or disability receive excellent support. Gaps in achievement close rapidly due to extremely well-focused individual learning plans, and highly effective input from staff.
- The provider is extremely committed to promoting high quality outcomes for children. She has successfully encouraged a very strong culture of reflective practice. Systems, such as staff observing each other's practice, are highly effective in contributing to this. There are extremely good action plans for continuous improvements.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to explore weight and volume.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children engaged in learning activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with the provider, managers, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector reviewed the effectiveness of systems to monitor children's learning and development.
- The inspector sampled required documentation and procedures, and assessed staff knowledge of these, including those that help to safeguard children.

Inspector

Julie Neal

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The provider and management team give staff excellent support. Staff are highly motivated and expertly implement new skills and knowledge to further improve children's learning. For example, following training in how children manage their feelings, staff have changed routines to provide more opportunities for them to explore their emotions in small groups and one-to-one with adults. Safeguarding is effective. The provider and staff have an excellent understanding of how to follow safeguarding procedures to help protect children from harm.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff plan highly interesting and exciting activities for children, who are very keen and eager to join in. Staff use their excellent knowledge of each child to ensure activities are engaging and age-appropriate. For example, older children thoroughly enjoyed a memory game, concentrating excellently to recall which objects were missing. Staff extended this extremely effectively by asking children to describe the missing items, which they did very well. For example, they described a crocodile as 'an animal with a long spiky tail'. Staff's excellent interaction with babies and very young children effectively encourages them to explore and investigate. For example, children quickly became absorbed in investigating a basket of objects that made different sounds, and they looked more closely when these caught the light. Staff extend children's understanding of number, shape and size extremely effectively. For example, children built towers and the staff encouraged them to measure the height and width of these to see which was bigger. However, children have fewer opportunities to extend their knowledge of weight and volume.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are very happy and extremely well behaved. They make excellent use of the wide variety of resources and equipment indoors and outdoors. Children thoroughly enjoy being active and they understand how their bodies work. For example, they felt their heartbeats before and after jumping, hopping and running on the spot, and talked about these being faster because they had been exercising. Children demonstrate their extremely good safety awareness during their play. For example, they pretended to cook dinner using a cloth to take pans out of the oven and saying to take care of the hot food.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those who need extra help, receive excellent support in preparation for their next stage in learning, including going to school. They have extremely good social skills and the confidence to manage change very well. Children are highly independent and take pride in doing things themselves. For example, very young children serve themselves at snack time and concentrate well as they spread and cut their food.

Setting details

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Local authority	Devon
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Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	33
Number of children on roll	45
Name of provider	Little Ones Childcare Ltd
Date of previous inspection	26 May 2015
Telephone number	01404 548181

Little Ones Honiton registered in 2005. It is privately owned and part of the Little Ones Childcare chain. The nursery operates from the St Michael's area of Honiton, Devon. It opens Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, throughout the year. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 11 members of staff employed to work directly with the children, 10 of whom have early years qualifications. The manager and two members of staff hold a relevant degree, six staff have a level 3 qualification, and one has a level 2. The nursery also employs a cook.

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