Cornwood and Lutton Under 5's Association



School Field, Fore Street, Cornwood, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 9PZ

Inspection date	26 May 2016
Previous inspection date	7 July 2015

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assess	sment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and v	velfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager supports staff effectively. She monitors their individual practice regularly to maintain consistent teaching standards across the setting. This helps to prepare all children well for their next stages in learning.
- Self-evaluation is effective. The manager has a very good understanding of the provision's strengths and areas for improvement. She sets targets for development that helps the staff team to meet children's needs continually.
- Children are happy and confident. They form good friendships and behave well. For example, they share equipment and toys.
- Staff provide many opportunities for children to explore nature and the world around them. They take children on outings locally and build on these further by organising activities for children to explore plants, such as herbs and flowers.
- Staff work well with other settings and professionals involved with children. They share relevant information to help support children's all-round care and learning needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff miss opportunities to extend children's early literacy skills, especially for those who prefer to learn outdoors.
- Staff do not always extend children's independence further during daily routines so children do more things for themselves.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to extend their early literacy skills, especially those who prefer to learn outdoors
- make better use of daily routines for children to become more independent.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children playing indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to staff, parents and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager to discuss how she manages the provision and staff and monitors children's progress.
- The inspector sampled a range of documents, including children's development records and policies.

Inspector

Tristine Hardwick

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager and committee have successfully addressed the actions and recommendations from the last inspection. They update Ofsted about changes to the committee and nominated person. The manager ensures all staff keep their knowledge and skills up to date. They attend weekly staff meetings and mandatory training courses, which help staff's individual practice to evolve to support children's needs well, such as language development. The manager monitors children's progress well. She reviews their development thoroughly to look for trends that may indicate strengths or areas that need additional support, especially between older and younger children. This helps her to close any gaps in children's development. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff are familiar with procedures to follow if they have concerns about children's welfare.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff interact effectively and plan activities that successfully support children's good progress. They observe and assess children's progress well. This enables them to identify emerging interests, and plan activities that children enjoy and that constantly motivate them to learn. Staff provide challenging activities that support children's learning effectively. For example, they encourage children to work out how many children will be eating school meals and packed lunches. This introduces children to simple mathematics and helps them to solve problems in everyday situations. Staff work effectively with parents. They share information each day about children's achievements and well-being.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children enjoy a variety of interesting spaces to play and explore indoors and outdoors. This especially appeals to children who prefer to learn outside. Staff interact positively with children, and children form strong attachments. Children feel secure and settle well. Staff regularly praise children, which supports their positive self-esteem. Children develop a sense of achievement and have opportunities to gain some independence. Staff consistently manage children's behaviour well. When minor squabbles occur, such as taking turns and sharing, staff remain calm and work with children to resolve their differences. For example, they encourage children to think about how others feel because of their behaviour. This supports children well to adapt their behaviour.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop key skills across all areas of learning. Indoors, they enjoy looking at books and listening to stories. They build good physical skills and enjoying jumping, balancing and completing simple assault courses. Children play with others and build good social skills, helping to prepare them well for their successful move to school.

Setting details

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Local authority Devon

Inspection number 1022008

Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 12

Number of children on roll 18

Name of registered person Cornwood & Lutton Under 5's Association

Committee

Registered person unique

reference number

RP517837

Date of previous inspection 7 July 2015

Telephone number 01752 837099

Cornwood and Lutton Under 5s Association registered in 2005. The pre-school operates from premises within the grounds of Cornwood C of E Primary School, located in Cornwood, Devon. The pre-school is open every weekday during term time only. It operates from 9am to 1pm on Monday and Friday, and from 8.45am to 3.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The pre-school is run by a voluntary committee of parents. It employs four members of staff to work with children. One member of staff holds early years professional status, two have a level 3 qualification and one has a level 2. The pre-school receives funding for free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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