

Kingwood Childcare in Uffculme

The Kingwood Centre, Denners Way, Uffculme, Devon, EX15 3XG



Inspection date

7 June 2016

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Outstanding | 1 |
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| | Previous inspection: | Not applicable | |
| 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 make extremely detailed and precise assessments of children, which are highly effective in helping staff to plan to extend their learning.
- 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 and staff develop very strong relationships with other professionals supporting children. They have an excellent understanding of the benefits to children of a consistent and shared approach to planning for future progress.
- Children of all ages are extremely confident with high self-esteem. Staff are very caring and affectionate, and develop excellent relationships with children, helping them to feel emotionally secure. Children confidently explore the stimulating learning environment.
- Staff have excellent relationships with parents. Extremely effective systems of sharing information successfully engage all parents in their children's learning.
- The provider is extremely committed to promoting high quality outcomes for children. The provider and management team give staff excellent support. Staff are well motivated and very enthusiastic. They expertly implement new skills and knowledge gained through training to continually improve and extend children's learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend further opportunities for children to use and experiment with their knowledge of size and quantity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children engaged in learning activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector and the provider conducted a joint observation of an activity.
- The inspector had discussions with the provider, staff, parents and children.
- 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 rigorously monitors the effectiveness of the provision. Self-evaluation is excellent. The provider and management team encourage a highly successful culture of reflective practice. For example, staff in each room devise extremely good development plans that focus on the needs of their group of children. These identify the impact on children of recent changes, and progress towards targets for further improvements. 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 interesting and exciting activities that quickly engage children's interest. Staff have an excellent understanding of how children learn in different ways, and actively encourage them to be creative and imaginative in using resources. For example, they provide babies and very young children with paints and a selection of tools to use as they wish. Some children become absorbed in making patterns and staff support them extremely well as they talk about achieving different paint effects. Others delight in exploring the feel of the paint on their bodies, and in swirling the different colours together. Staff communicate extremely well with children, using their skills very effectively to extend their learning. For example, children thoroughly enjoy investigating how different types of pumps work as they inflate balloons. Staff develop the activity extremely well by encouraging children to explore how the pumps suck up water as well as blow air. Staff occasionally miss opportunities to encourage children to talk about size and quantity, to extend them even further.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely well behaved and happy. They enjoy excellent activities that develop their understanding of a healthy lifestyle. For example, children of all ages regularly cook, to raise their awareness of a balanced diet. For instance, they make ice-lollies from fresh fruit to help them learn that tasty treats can still be healthy. Children thoroughly enjoy being active and develop an extremely good understanding of how their bodies work. For example, children jumping in and out of the ball-pool talk about how the balls sometimes stick to them when they are hot and sweaty. They also know to drink plenty of water to cool themselves down.

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. For example, staff make books with photographs of children's future schools, which helps children to talk about moving on. Children have excellent social skills and the confidence to manage change very well.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | EY480703 |
| Local authority | Devon |
| Inspection number | 989485 |
| 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 - 8 |
| Total number of places | 107 |
| Number of children on roll | 162 |
| Name of registered person | Kingwood Childcare Partnership |
| Registered person unique reference number | RP904101 |
| Date of previous inspection | Not applicable |
| Telephone number | 01884 841435 |

Kingwood Childcare in Uffculme registered in 2014, having previously operated from other premises since 2010. It is privately owned and is situated in the village of Uffculme in Devon. The setting opens five days a week throughout the year from 7am to 7pm. The setting receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The provider also manages the setting and holds qualified teacher status. She employs 30 staff to work directly with children, 25 of whom have early years qualifications. Three staff hold qualified teacher status or relevant degrees, one member of staff has a qualification at level 5, four staff have qualifications at level 4, 12 at level 3, and four at level 2. The provider also employs catering and administrative staff.

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