Tania's Tots Daycare

1a Pound Lane, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 4NP



Inspection date	14 June 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and m	anagement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asse	essment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and	l welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children make good progress relative to their starting points. Staff make effective assessments and track children's individual progress very well to make sure that there are no gaps in learning.
- Children are happy and confident, with good self-esteem. They show through their very good relationships with staff that they feel emotionally secure. Children thoroughly enjoy exploring the well-resourced learning environment, indoors and outdoors.
- Children who have special educational needs or disability receive good support. Staff's strong relationships with other professionals, including other early years providers, result in effective sharing of information and consistent planning for children's future progress.
- Staff develop good relationships with parents. They share information well and involve parents effectively in their children's learning.
- The provider shows a strong commitment to continuous improvement, to ensure good quality outcomes. Good self-evaluation includes the views of parents and children and leads to effective action plans, which the provider and management team monitor well.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Group activities are not always appropriate for the room size, and sometimes interruptions divert children's attention.
- Activities to teach children to use and understand technology lack challenge for older children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of group activities so there is sufficient space, and to minimise interruptions to children's concentration
- provide greater challenge for older children to understand about and use technology for different purposes.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children engaged in learning activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the deputy manager.
- The inspector talked to the provider, staff, parents and children.
- The inspector sampled assessments of children's progress in learning.
- The inspector sampled policies required to support children's welfare, including safeguarding procedures, and assessed staff knowledge of these.

Inspector

Julie Neal

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The provider supports staff well. She encourages their professional development, and staff are keen to share and implement skills and ideas gained through training. For example, staff have reviewed how they communicate with babies and toddlers, speaking slowly and giving them time to process and respond. This has had a positive impact on young children's developing communication and language. Safeguarding is effective. All staff complete safeguarding training and have a good understanding of the procedures to follow to help protect children from harm.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff use their good observations of children very effectively to plan interesting activities that are challenging and extend their learning well. For example, children were highly imaginative in superhero role play, rescuing people from a dragon. Staff used their good communication skills very effectively to encourage children to describe a dragon. Children eagerly described it as 'big, big, wings as big as a house'. Staff's good planning focuses very well on building firm foundations for children's future skills. Staff effectively encourage babies to explore with their senses, and they thoroughly enjoyed investigating the smell, taste, and texture of a variety of green fruits and vegetables such as apples, broccoli, and peppers.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children behave well and express their emotions appropriately. Staff plan good activities to encourage children to talk about their feelings. For example, children enjoyed making a chart about what special people in their lives mean to them. Children are very independent, and daily routines, such as mealtimes, help them to develop their skills. For example, children served themselves at lunchtime, and showed very good safety awareness as they handled hot food. Children thoroughly enjoy being active and understand how their bodies work. For example, before exercise, they felt their cool faces. Afterwards, they identified that their faces felt hot, and they felt their own and each other's heartbeats to recognise how these become faster when they are active.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress, and staff prepare them well for the next stage in their learning. Children are confident in managing change, and receive good support as they move from one age group to the next within the setting. Two-year-old children develop the coordination that will later help them when learning to write. For example, they concentrate well on threading pasta shapes onto spaghetti. Older children develop the skills they need to be well prepared for school. They enjoy activities that help them to listen, pay attention, and ask and answer questions confidently.

Setting details

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Local authority Devon

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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 0 - 8

Total number of places 52

Number of children on roll 67

Name of registered person Tania Louise Durrant

Registered person unique

reference number

RP515560

Date of previous inspectionNot applicable

Telephone number 01395282990

Tania's Tots is privately owned and registered in 2014. It is located in Exmouth, Devon. It is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.30pm, all year round. The setting receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The provider also manages the setting and has a level 3 early years qualification. She employs 11 members of staff to work directly with children, 10 of whom have early years qualifications. One member of staff holds qualified teacher status, five have qualifications at level 3, and four staff have qualifications at level 2. The provider also employs a cook.

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