

Daisy Chain Day Nursery

The Daisy Chain, Queens Way, Kirkburton, HUDDERSFIELD, HD8 0SP



Inspection date	25 August 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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

- The well-qualified management team has high expectations and sets a clear direction for future improvements. They have developed a positive and ambitious staff team.
- All groups of children make good progress during their time in the nursery. Staff accurately assess children's starting points and help them achieve well overall in all aspects of their learning.
- Staff make learning fun. They plan interesting and motivating activities to capture children's imagination and arouse their curiosity. For example, children explore many different sensory experiences in their sand and foaming water play or when making collages with colourful fabrics and papers.
- Children enjoy their time at the nursery. They form strong bonds with their key persons and other members of staff. Staff create a welcoming environment where children are safe and looked after.
- Children are well behaved and learn to share and play together. Parents are very appreciative of the high quality of care their children receive.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Procedures for staff's professional development are not yet sharply focused to raise the quality of teaching to an outstanding level.
- Staff do not consistently support children to develop high levels of independence in their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen procedures for staff's professional development and focus more sharply on developing an expert knowledge of teaching
- provide further opportunities for children to develop their independence in their play and learning.

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 completed a joint observation with the nursery manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery manager and the area manager. He looked at relevant documentation, such as the nursery's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Andrew Clark

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager and area manager have created a team of staff who are clear about their roles and share the drive for improvement. The management team gathers the views of parents and children to evaluate the effectiveness of the provision and to plan for future developments. This has led, for example, to positive reorganisation of staff's responsibilities and ambitious improvements to the learning environment by the new ownership. Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. There are good arrangements for staff supervision meetings to make sure staff are well trained in child protection and first aid. They have a good understanding of how to keep children free from harm.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff accurately assess children's achievement and plan for the next stage in their learning. Staff work successfully as a team to ensure that routines run smoothly. Children know their key person well. Staff help children to listen to others and to follow instructions. They encourage children to persevere and to try hard. Children's communication and number skills are taught thoroughly. For example, children hook the right number of ducks in their water play as they sing a counting song. Children enjoy activities that reflect their choices and interests, such as pirates and mermaids, and talk about them to their friends and adults. Children and babies have many opportunities to develop their physical skills from learning to walk to climbing and balancing activities in the park.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff set a very good example for children to follow. There is a calm, friendly and busy atmosphere throughout the nursery. Children are polite and friendly. They behave well. Children grow in confidence and security. Staff promote children's knowledge and understanding of healthy lifestyles and good hygiene procedures. She helps them to make healthy choices, to try new food and to be physically active. Children follow instructions and contribute to making rules and routines. They tidy up together extremely efficiently. Staff help children to be tolerant towards those who hold different ideas and beliefs to their own. For example, they celebrate a range of cultural festivals to develop children's understanding.

Outcomes for children are good

Children achieve well from their personal starting points. They make good progress in their communication skills. For example, babies pay careful attention to staff's warm and friendly questions. Older children learn to read simple words and form their letters and numbers accurately. They learn to manipulate objects skilfully with their hands. For example, they use tweezers to pick up materials for their collages. They count accurately to 20 by time they are ready to start school and add numbers together using their fingers or in their heads.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY487905
Local authority	Kirklees
Inspection number	1012855
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 - 5
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	78
Name of registered person	Jitterbugs Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP523244
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07989 343383

Daisy Chain Day Nursery was registered in 2015 and is in Kirkburton, Huddersfield. The nursery employs 17 members of childcare staff. Of these, 15 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3, including two with level 6. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday all year round. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6pm. It provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. The nursery supports children who have special educational needs or disability.

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