Little Hearts Day Nursery

25 Harry Rose Road, COVENTRY, CV2 5AT



Inspection date	26 September 2016
Previous inspection date	6 November 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Inclusive practice is given high priority. All children are provided with care that is specifically tailored towards their needs. Children who have special educational needs or disability are sensitively cared for by staff who are knowledgeable about which strategies individual children positively respond to.
- The manager and her staff team work closely together. Along with input from parents they identify areas they can improve to promote positive outcomes for families accessing the service. The individual learning needs of staff are successfully identified and there is equal access to training, in order for all staff to develop professionally.
- All children are making good progress. Observations and assessments of children's individual learning ensures their key person has an accurate account of children's current stage of development. Staff plan fun activities that relate to the children's individual interests. Children learn about their similarities and differences, and how to communicate with adults.
- Children's emotional needs are supported. Settling-in arrangements are sensitive to children's individual needs.
- Secure partnerships with parents have been developed. Good channels of communication, such as social evenings ensure staff share what they know with parents about their children's development. In addition, parents are encouraged to share their observations of their children's learning at home.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Some aspects of children's mathematical knowledge are not fully extended in a meaningful way as they play.
- Staff do not make the most of conversations during spontaneous play to reinforce children's growing understanding of healthy eating.

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 identify and compare different quantities, and learn the names of shapes
- make the most of conversations as children play to reinforce their understanding of how healthy eating contributes to their ongoing good health.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the indoor and outdoor play areas.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager, and spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector conducted observations of the activities and evaluated the teaching methods with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a selection of children's records, policies and procedures, and a range of other documents.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff members' suitability, qualifications and training.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Hayley Lapworth

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager successfully monitors the practice of her staff. She effectively supports them to access training and gain further knowledge in specific areas that either they have an interest in or she feels would benefit outcomes for children. Plans for future training accurately reflect the team's needs. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Children are well supervised. Risk assessments ensure that all potential risks to children are minimised. Management and staff are experienced and knowledgeable in identifying the signs and symptoms of abuse. They are clear about their responsibilities with regard to reporting procedures. Parents are very happy with the service. They describe how there is a consistently warm and caring approach provided by all the staff towards their children. Parents especially appreciate how staff work in partnership with other professionals involved in their children's care.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are very happy in this nursery and enjoy their learning. They access a good variety of experiences through a balance of adult-led and child-led activities. Children are encouraged to develop their self-esteem. They have opportunities to recognise their own unique qualities and learn about how they are different from others. For example, they select from templates to find the one that they most identify with and create a picture of themselves using play dough. Staff undertake observations of the children's learning and make accurate assessments about what they know and can do. This information is then successfully used to inform future planning. Babies and toddlers participate in role play activities that successfully supports their language and communication skills. Staff praise toddlers as they begin to speak and engage in play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Babies are cared for by staff who are always easily accessible to them. Staff sit by them as they play and make relationships with them down at their own level. Babies are cuddled to help them to settle. Staff talk to them in a caring tone, often singing to them when they are tired or upset. All children in the nursery are very settled. Some children who are new to the nursery get a little upset as they separate from their parents. That said, they swiftly settle as they are comforted by staff and encouraged to play with their peers. Children are encouraged to help to learn how to keep themselves safe. Staff explain to them how to sit safely on their chairs so that they do not hurt themselves or others.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are confident, motivated and inquisitive learners, and are developing good skills for future learning and in readiness for the move on to school. Pre-school children are building strong relationships with their peers and adults involved in their care.

Setting details

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Local authority Coventry **Inspection number** 1059820

Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register

Age range of children 0 - 4

Total number of places 30

Number of children on roll 39

Name of registered person Nicky Sarah McGowan

Registered person unique

reference number

RP907939

Date of previous inspection 6 November 2012

Telephone number 02476 652803

Little Hearts Day Nursery was registered in 2015. It employs six members of staff, the majority of whom hold early years qualifications at level 2 and above. The nursery opens Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm. It provides funded early education for two-, three-and four-year-old children and supports children who have special educational needs or disability.

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