

Claire's Newport Nursery

Newport Nursery, 3 Trafalgar Lawn, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 9BD



Inspection date	31 October 2016
Previous inspection date	31 March 2014

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 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

- Staff provide good support for children with special educational needs or disability. The provider ensures staff know how to meet children's needs. Staff work well with outside agencies and parents to provide additional activities to help them catch up.
- Staff meet babies needs well. They find out from parents their babies' individual routines and provide effective emotional and physical support so they feel secure.
- Staff have implemented a new assessment system, which the provider monitors to look for gaps in children's learning. Staff make good observations of children's achievements and use the information well to plan for their next stages of development. Children make good progress from their starting points.
- Children behave well. Staff use appropriate methods to manage children's behaviour and children learn to share and be kind to each other.
- The provider ensures strong support for staff. They evaluate their practice and she helps them continue their professional development to keep raising the quality of teaching. For example, staff are looking at how best to use the outdoor environment.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide opportunities for children to extend their ideas and use a wide range of resources during adult-led activities.
- Staff do not ensure all parents consistently know their children's individual next stages of development to enable them to further support their learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase the opportunities for children to extend their imagination and creativity, during adult-led activities
- provide greater opportunities for all parents to know their children's next stages of development to further support their learning at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out an unannounced inspection and observed activities and the quality of teaching indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and deputy manager and carried out a joint observation.
- The inspector spoke with parents, staff and children present on the day of the inspection and took account of written evaluations.
- The inspector checked safeguarding information and the safety of the premises.
- The inspector sampled documentation including policies and procedures, children's development records and planning.

Inspector

Elaine Douglas

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The provider ensures she carries out important checks on the suitability of all staff. All required documentation is in place. There are appropriate systems to share information with parents and other providers children attend. This includes any accidents to children to protect their welfare. Staff gather information about children's individual needs and starting points when parents initially register their child. Staff are aware of each child's abilities and needs. They supervise children well and implement effective risk assessments, ensuring the premises are secure. The provider ensures they meet staff-to-child ratios. All staff have safeguarding training and understand their policy, which includes the use of mobile phones and cameras. Staff follow appropriate procedures if a child is at risk of harm. The provider seeks parents' feedback and ensures they meet the requirements in the event of complaints.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff interact well with children, helping to sustain their interests and persevere with new challenges. For example, they help children recognise shapes and colours to match pictures and complete a floor puzzle, using trial and error. Staff encourage children to learn from each other. For example, they ask children to demonstrate how they use a magnet to pick up metal. Staff provide some parents with ideas to engage their children in learning at home. For example, they have guidance and resources on stories and activities for two-year-olds. Staff engage older children in dialogue to encourage them to think about their learning, solve problems and develop new vocabulary.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff deploy themselves effectively to meet children's needs. They work with parents to gradually introduce children to their new key person and friends when they change rooms. Staff help children to understand their feelings and talk about what makes them feel that way. For example, they use stories that lead to children contributing their own ideas. They adapt activities, resources and the premises to meet individual needs. For example, staff are providing wheelchair access to the garden. Children gain a good understanding of keeping themselves safe and healthy.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop good skills in preparation for their next stage of learning and school. For example, they learn to listen to each other, take part in discussions and develop good communication skills. They concentrate fully during whole-group activities such as stories. Children gain independence and a sense of achievement. Babies and toddlers explore and have lots of sensory experiences. Children of all ages have good opportunities to develop early writing skills and older children recognise their names.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY379933
Local authority	Devon
Inspection number	1076373
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	1 - 8
Total number of places	75
Number of children on roll	103
Name of registered person	Claire Elizabeth Symons
Registered person unique reference number	RP511844
Date of previous inspection	31 March 2014
Telephone number	01271346529

Claire's Newport Nursery is one of four privately owned nurseries. It opened in 2008 and is situated in Barnstaple, Devon. The nursery is open each weekday from 6am to 7pm for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding to provide early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 17 staff employed to work with the children. Of whom, 11 hold early years qualifications at level 3 and two have qualifications at level 2. Two staff are working towards qualifications. They are supported by office and maintenance staff.

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