

Dobwalls Nursery

Duloe Road, Dobwalls, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 4LU



Inspection date	6 December 2016
Previous inspection date	2 December 2013

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

- This is a very welcoming nursery, where staff establish warm and caring relationships with the children.
- Staff get to know the children well. They use their observations and assessments of children's development to monitor development carefully. Their timely interventions ensure that all children make good progress in relation to their starting points.
- Staff work closely with parents, other professionals and agencies to meet children's needs well.
- The management team supports and encourages staff to reflect on their practice and use their knowledge from training to make continuous improvements.
- Skilled support and encouragement from staff enable children to express their needs and wishes confidently using a combination of gestures, words and sign language.
- Children's health is a priority. Staff are knowledgeable about any health issues and complete training to ensure they can meet children's needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The management team has not implemented its plans to improve the outdoor play area to provide the youngest children with more opportunities to build on their physical skills.
- Staff do not consistently gather information from parents about their children's development from the outset to help them determine children's starting points.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement planned improvements to provide more opportunities for babies and toddlers to build on their physical skills
- increase the information sought from parents to help staff have a clearer picture of children's starting points.

Inspection activities

- The inspector took account of the views of parents and a childminder spoken to on the day.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector observed activities in the playrooms and the outdoor play area.
- The inspector held discussions with the nominated person and staff, including the manager.
- The inspector checked documents relating to the suitability checks and qualifications of staff and sampled documentation regarding planning and children's progress.

Inspector

Lynne Bowden

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The members of the management team monitor staff performance well. They deploy staff effectively, making full use of their strengths and knowledge. They encourage staff development through training. Recent training has increased staff's ability to help children identify and manage their feelings. Safeguarding is effective. All staff have completed training which has increased their understanding of how to support vulnerable families and identify children who may be at risk of harm. Practice has improved since the last inspection. For example, staff encourage children to use and develop their independence more effectively. Children pour out their drinks and attempt to dress themselves for outdoor play. Staff frequently ask questions that encourage children to consider what might happen next.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The management team analyses records of children's progress to identify any children who need extra help. Staff skilfully adapt activities to meet children's abilities and interests. For example, they support young children as they attempt to count up to five currant buns and challenge older children to work out how many coins they need to buy the buns. Staff sensitively encourage babies to explore different materials, such as shiny foil and metal cooking utensils, while remaining close by as a source of comfort. Staff challenge children, for example, by asking what might happen if they add another piece of wood to their already tall tower. They offer a choice of two different sized pieces of wood and discuss which is most likely to be successful.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff sensitively support newcomers and anxious children as they settle in. Children are confident and secure in the nursery. They confidently explore the setting, select resources and talk to adults. Children enjoy daily outdoor play where, overall, they develop their physical strength and observe the changing environment. Staff have good links with local schools and other providers children attend. They share information well to provide continuity of children's care and learning experiences. Effective partnerships with other professionals enable staff to support all children well, including those with additional needs. Children behave very well. Staff ensure that children know what staff expect of them. For example, they reinforce routines with their use of visual cues.

Outcomes for children are good

Children develop skills that prepare them well for future learning and going to school. They are very independent and develop good mathematical and literacy skills. For example, older children use mathematical language in their play and listen attentively to stories, while young children enjoy looking at books.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY464459
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	1063557
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	30
Number of children on roll	90
Name of registered person	Tracy Diane Hicks
Registered person unique reference number	RP513499
Date of previous inspection	2 December 2013
Telephone number	01579320777

Dobwalls Nursery and Fun Club registered in 2013 under new management. It operates from a purpose-built unit in the grounds of Dobwalls County Primary School, in Liskeard, Cornwall. It is open each weekday from 8am until 6pm, for 50 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 12 childcare staff who all hold early years qualifications. Of these, one is qualified at level 5, one is qualified at level 4, six are qualified at level 3 and four are qualified at level 2.

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