

Little Ones at Bovey Tracey

Abbey Road, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9HZ



Inspection date	5 January 2017
Previous inspection date	9 May 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

- All children make good progress from their starting points. Younger children learn to explore and older ones to investigate and solve problems for themselves. They are well prepared for the next stage in their education.
- Children are curious and enthusiastic learners. They learn to look after their own care needs independently from a young age. The high staff expectations of what children can do and nursery routines continually encourage these skills.
- Staff are knowledgeable and accurately assess children's development to identify and close any gaps in learning. They provide activities that follow children's interests, and stimulate and challenge their learning well to continually develop their understanding.
- Staff work well with parents to support children's continued learning at home. For example, they provide accurate and regular information about children's achievements.
- The management team successfully ensures that practices continually improve. It has addressed the recommendations from the previous inspection well to ensure that staff update their knowledge and skills about the ways young children learn.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The range of resources for the youngest children, particularly outdoors, does not always support all aspects of their learning and exploration well.
- Sometimes, staff do not maximise opportunities to extend children's understanding of numbers and calculation further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor the use of resources outdoors, particularly for the youngest children, to cover all aspects of their learning and exploration more thoroughly
- maximise opportunities to develop children's use and understanding of numbers and simple calculation.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to children, parents, staff and the management team.
- The inspector observed teaching and learning across all areas of the nursery, and completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at the premises and resources.
- The inspector checked a range of documents, including procedures and policies, records of accidents and incidents, and records of children's assessment and achievements.

Inspector

Janet Dinsmore

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The management team is efficient and well organised. It effectively supports and develops staff's teaching skills and practices. For example, by providing training so that they offer more challenging experiences and teach the two-year-olds in much smaller groups. They have changed the routines to ensure children do not have to wait for new activities to help their concentration and engagement. Staff have improved the range of resources to help children learn about a wider range of cultures and festivals. Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff know how to report any concerns and work effectively with other agencies to protect children from harm. Self-evaluation is accurate. For example, the manager has consulted parents and, following their feedback, provides more information each week about the planned activities.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan activities that challenge children well. For example, they set up a range of equipment for older children and two-year-olds to explore the effect of a slope and discover hidden models in the sand. Staff work well with parents and provide good ideas for them to continue learning activities at home. Staff provide different and interesting activities each day, particularly outdoors for the older children. Staff question children carefully and explain what is happening. For example, as children find the pieces of a jigsaw and mix two colours of paint, staff help them to understand and use words to describe it for themselves. The youngest children receive good support to explore music and songs, for example, as they keenly use shakers. Staff provide them with a good range of sensory experiences indoors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

All children are confident and inquisitive. They have very positive relationships with staff and each other, learning to be tolerant and considerate. Children play well together and the older ones contribute to routines by helping set the tables at lunchtime, for example. Staff support the youngest children well to form strong attachments quickly. Staff follow consistent routines for babies and record all aspects for parents, helping them to work together well to meet children's needs consistently. Staff know the children well and meet their specific individual needs effectively. Children are emotionally secure.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress, especially in their communication and language. For example, older children confidently comment on how to manoeuvre toys to fit in gaps, for example, explaining how to turn it around and why it might be too big, solving problems independently. The youngest children choose what they want to play with and develop good physical abilities, for example, to join bricks, learn to walk and ride on small cars.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY403902
Local authority	Devon
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Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	59
Name of registered person	Little Ones Childcare Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP522094
Date of previous inspection	9 May 2014
Telephone number	01626 833255

Little Ones at Bovey Tracey registered in 2009. It is part of a small privately owned chain of nurseries. The nursery opens from 7.45am until 6pm on Monday to Friday for 51 weeks a year. The nursery is in the centre of the town of Bovey Tracey, Devon. The nursery receives funding to provide free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 13 staff. Of the 11 who work directly with the children, 10 have early years qualifications, one at level 6, one at level 4, six at level 3 and two at level 2.

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