

Wyvern Nursery @ Bishops Hull Primary School



Bishops Hull Community Primary School, Bishops Hull Hill, Bishops Hull, Taunton,
Somerset, TA1 5EB

Inspection date 24 January 2017
Previous inspection date 3 June 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

- Staff provide a range of interesting activities based on children's current interests and stages of development. They engage and motivate children well in their learning. Children make good progress.
- Staff provide high levels of care and emotional support. Babies and children are happy, settled and show a strong sense of belonging.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. Staff keep parents well informed about their children's development. Parents speak very highly of the nursery and value the support given to children's ongoing care and learning.
- The management team works effectively to review staff practice and children's experiences, to help them to focus on improving the quality of teaching and children's learning. For example, it has introduced peer reviews, where staff observe each other's practice and identify areas to develop and use in their own teaching.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not consistently support young children effectively to join in with singing and group time activities, to develop their early language and communication skills further.
- Staff miss opportunities to extend older children to count and explore number problems.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more support to young children at small group times, to develop their language and communication further
- provide more opportunities for older children to explore counting beyond 10 and number problems.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke with staff, the company director and principal at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including policies, children's records and the self-evaluation form.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the principal.
- The inspector spoke to some parents to gain their views of the nursery.

Inspector

Katherine Lamb

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The management team ensures staff attend regular safeguarding training and have a good understanding of child protection issues. Staff follow robust risk assessment procedures and ensure all areas of the nursery are safe and secure. The management team supports staff effectively to improve their practice. For example, they have recently introduced communication boards in the rooms to share information with children about their day, helping them to settle and engage in their learning further. The management team monitors children's progress well to close gaps in learning and inform the nursery's self-evaluation process. It seeks the views of staff, parents and children to help it make positive changes.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff work with parents effectively to find out about children's individual needs and interests, to provide activities and experiences that children enjoy. Staff are enthusiastic. They use observations of children's play to successfully inform planning and support children's learning well. For example, they encourage toddlers and older children to thread patterns and concentrate on how they hold tools. Babies receive good input to explore how different toys sink or float in water. Older children have good opportunities to use their imaginations to make wands, swords and shields, for example. They contribute to their 'day sheets', writing and drawing what they have learnt to share with parents. Staff consistently praise children who demonstrate pride in their achievements.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The well-established key-person system contributes effectively to children's self-confidence and their feelings of being safe, especially the younger children. Staff use the information gathered from parents well to support children's individual care needs. Children have positive relationships with staff and are keen to invite staff to join them in their play. Children enjoy daily exercise and outdoor play where they are physically active. Mealtimes are positive learning experiences, where staff encourage children to be independent and talk to them about healthy foods. Sensitive arrangements ensure that children make a smooth transition when they move on to further learning.

Outcomes for children are good

Babies are curious and inquisitive learners. They look with interest at books, handling them with care. They enjoy using pop-up toys and applaud their own achievements. Children have good self-esteem. Older children negotiate space well on ride-on toys in the garden. They skilfully balance and race others with growing physical abilities, and learn to understand and manage age-appropriate risks. All children develop the skills needed for future learning and their move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY456116
Local authority	Somerset
Inspection number	1063177
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	43
Name of registered person	Wyvern Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP903107
Date of previous inspection	3 June 2013
Telephone number	01823327429

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