

Wyvern Nursery @ Wellsprings

Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Cheddon Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 7QP



Inspection date	8 February 2017
Previous inspection date	22 May 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The very inspirational manager has engaged staff exceptionally well since the last inspection. They provide children with excellent high-quality experiences, especially outdoors, where children complete risk assessments of the environment and explore.
- Staff provide an exceptional range of highly stimulating and challenging experiences that extend children's excellent progress across all areas of learning. For example, children very successfully investigate and experiment with natural resources, with excellent staff interaction to solve problems and work out how to build structures.
- Children's behaviour is very good. Children listen carefully to staff and learn to manage their feelings superbly. The extremely caring and attentive staff form very strong bonds with children and get to know them exceptionally well. Staff are excellent role models for children. They listen carefully to children, respect their views and highly value their opinions.
- Partnerships with parents are extremely effective. Staff ensure parents are fully involved and very well informed about their children's progress. They share activities very successfully with parents to support their children's learning at home.
- The provider and manager accurately review the quality of the provision, gaining the views of parents and staff to very successfully identify areas to improve. This helps them to make targeted changes that benefit children greatly. For example, they have worked closely with teachers to support the children more when they move to school.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- help older children use technology more to support their interests and learning further.

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 join observation with the principal.
- The inspector spoke to some parents to gain their views on the day of inspection.

Inspector

Katherine Lamb

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The manager has exceptionally high expectations and leads her team with admirable commitment and enthusiasm. Staff support is highly effective. The manager and provider target staff training carefully to ensure it has a positive impact on learning outcomes for children. This has led them to attach pencils to toy cars to engage boys very successfully in early writing. The manager very closely and effectively checks the progress made by individual children and compares the progress that different groups of children make, to ensure they achieve. Safeguarding is effective. Staff are very vigilant to ensure children's safety and welfare at all times. The management team has trained staff to have an excellent knowledge of the procedures to follow in the event of a child protection concern. Staff engage extremely well with parents and they value the crucial role they play in their children's ongoing learning and development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Observation, assessment and planning are highly effective and expertly used. Staff provide highly stimulating environments. Children acquire exciting new vocabulary. For example, during story time, staff expertly introduce new words to describe the animals and use puppets to bring the story to life for babies. Children thoroughly enjoy recalling their activities, drawing pictures to show what they have learnt. Staff very skilfully encourage children to experiment with numbers, and children confidently include counting and estimation in their play. Although there is an excellent range of activities, at times, there are few opportunities for older children to use technology in their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are extremely well settled, happy and content in this homely and very nurturing environment. All children are thoroughly valued and encouraged to contribute during lively discussions, for example, about healthy foods and where they come from. They very confidently explain that when you plant an apple seed you will get an apple tree but not a banana tree. Staff very sensitively and expertly support children to develop an exceptional understanding of acceptable behaviour. Children have excellent self-esteem, and they explore very confidently and independently. They learn to respect others, and they learn about differences in the wider community, for example, on their daily walks.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children thrive in this vibrant nursery. They gain excellent skills that prepare them very well for their future learning and school. For example, young children learn to balance on low equipment, with excellent encouragement and support from very attentive staff who challenge them to take safe risks and achieve on their own. Children have excellent opportunities to develop their early reading, writing and mathematical skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY456117
Local authority	Somerset
Inspection number	1063178
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	45
Number of children on roll	64
Name of registered person	Wyvern Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP903107
Date of previous inspection	22 May 2013
Telephone number	01823289997

Wyvern Nursery @ Wellsprings re-registered under the current management in 2012. It is one of six nurseries. The nursery operates from Wellsprings Leisure Centre in Taunton, Somerset. The nursery is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. The nursery is in receipt of funding to provide free nursery education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 14 staff who work directly with children. Of these, 11 have an early years qualification at level 3 or above and one has a relevant early years qualification at level 2. The nursery follows the High Scope approach to children's learning.

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