Tiny Toez @ East Valley



224-226 Milton Road, Sneyd Green, Stoke onTrent, Staffordshire, ST1 6HT

Inspection date28 FebruPrevious inspection date15 July 2			
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

- The management team has attended training on how to effectively monitor the assessments made of children's progress. The team skilfully analyses and reflects on the progress of individual and specific groups of children, and compares these across the nursery. This helps to ensure that children's next steps in their learning are precisely identified and planned for to promote their good progress.
- Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are supported well. Staff work closely with other professionals that support these children. They quickly identify and implement any staff training or resources needed to help meet the individual needs of children.
- Staff provide a wide range of activities that captures children's interests and inspires creativity. Children are motivated learners who explore their own ideas and select and use toys and resources independently.
- Each key person demonstrates availability, sensitivity and warmth towards children. This helps children to feel relaxed and safe, and to engage in new experiences.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- There are not enough opportunities for children to gain an awareness of how they differ from, or are similar to, other people.
- Some key persons do not provide enough opportunities for children who speak English as an additional language to use their home language during their play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide children with more opportunities to build on their respect for, and understanding of, the similarities and differences between themselves and others in the wider community
- explore even more ways to encourage children who speak English as an additional language to express themselves in their home language during their play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector discussed with staff how they assess children's learning and plan for children's progress.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery's manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery's manager, operations manager and one of the directors. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspectors spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspectors took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day and from information included in the nursery's own parent survey.

Inspector

Linda Yates

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. There is a comprehensive, up-to-date safeguarding policy and staff are aware of the procedure they must follow if they have any concerns that a child is suffering from abuse. There are good partnerships between staff and parents. They recently attended training together in the nursery about internet safety for children. Recruitment procedures are thorough and consistent, and ensure that those employed are suitable to work with children. There is a programme of induction ensuring new staff become effective and competent as key persons. Staff receive regular individual support meetings where they can seek expert advice and discuss their future training requirements.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff understand and use a wide range of effective teaching strategies. Toddlers enjoy using the tools to fill the buckets with sand. During such activities, staff use commentary to develop children's understanding of language. They enhance these activities further by modelling how to count each pat on the sand with the spade. When needed, toddlers are reminded to share. Pre-school children enjoy experimenting with the balance and weighing scales. They pour coloured water from the transparent jugs into the weighing scale bowls. Children squeal with excitement as they watch the scales move up and down. During such activities, staff talk to children and ask them questions to extend their thinking and vocabulary. Staff use persona dolls well to help children remember the nursery's rules and to explore emotions. They also use the dolls to encourage children to count and name the initial sounds in words. Staff support children well so that they develop the skills they need in readiness for school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's health and well-being is fully promoted. Staff use the pushchairs to take the babies on local walks. The outdoor environment offers children good opportunities to take manageable risks in their play. They climb up the scramble net and zoom down the slide, pedal vigorously on the tricycles and make dens in the large cardboard boxes. Meals and snacks provided for the children are nutritious and balanced. Staff encourage children to develop their independence. Children take it in turns to be the lunchtime helper and enthusiastically wipe the tables clean before lunch.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress. Babies are engrossed as they play with the plastic spiders and ladybirds in the pink glitter and hair gel mixture. They observe closely and explore with their fingers, make marks in the bottom of the tray and attempt to flick the mixture off their fingers. Toddlers practise their scissors skills as they cut the cooked pasta. Children in the pre-school room thoroughly enjoy the daily circle times as they get to know everyone in the group. They listen to each other and talk about their good behaviour stickers. Children are confident at naming and talking about a range of feelings. They are self-assured and happy, and talk freely and enthusiastically to staff and visitors about what they are doing.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY275857	
Local authority	Stoke on Trent	
Inspection number	1064514	
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 - 5	
Total number of places	62	
Number of children on roll	123	
Name of registered person	Tiny Toez Limited	
Registered person unique reference number	RP905042	
Date of previous inspection	15 July 2013	
Telephone number	01782 265000	

Tiny Toez @ East Valley was registered in 2004 and is one of five settings managed by Tiny Toez Limited. The directors of the company are also directors of Tiny Toez Childrens Day Nurseries Limited who manage a further six settings. The nursery employs 18 members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 6, and 15 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, for 51 weeks of the year. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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