

New Century Nursery

45-53 Western Road, Deal, Kent, CT14 6RX



Inspection date	15 March 2017
Previous inspection date	6 January 2015

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

- Children are excited to attend nursery, and interact well with staff and make friends. Overall, they benefit from an interesting and stimulating environment, and have a good range of resources, which they are able to access independently. All children make good progress from their starting points.
- The manager effectively monitors the provision to help ensure that it meets the needs of children and their families. For example, they have recently introduced an electronic system for recording their assessments of children's learning, to help develop their already secure tracking and monitoring processes.
- Partnerships with parents and carers are effective. For instance, parents share information about their children, and staff regularly inform parents about their children's daily routines and activities, to help support home at learning.
- Safeguarding is a high priority. The staff team are secure in their understanding of how to maintain children's safety and well-being at all times.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, staff do not make full use of opportunities to extend older children's problem-solving skills and mathematical understanding, such as of size and shape.
- Staff miss opportunities to develop further children's interest in mark making and to practise their early writing skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase daily opportunities to enhance older children's mathematical knowledge and skills even further
- broaden the range of opportunities available for children to explore mark making and practise their early writing skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's assessment and planning records, and safeguarding policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed the interaction between staff and children, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector gained the views of parents and carers on the service they receive.
- The inspector talked to the manager and nominated person about how they evaluate the nursery, and discussed their action plans.

Inspector

Sara Garrity

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager and staff team work closely together. They organise themselves effectively to make sure that children are safe at all times. Safeguarding is effective. The manager is clear about the action to take, including who to contact, should she have any concerns regarding a child's welfare. There are effective systems in place for monitoring staff performance. For example, staff update their first-aid knowledge regularly to ensure they are able to deal with minor accidents and emergencies. The teacher tracks the progress of all children effectively. Any gaps in learning are quickly identified and appropriate action taken. For example, staff make good use of additional funding to help support individual children's needs. The manager has strong connections with other early years professionals and local schools to help ensure all children receive any extra assistance.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children make good progress in their speech development. For example, staff make strong use of commentary and repetition to extend vocabulary and reinforce pronunciation. Children are motivated learners who are eager to interact with the variety of experiences on offer. For instance, they use an array of different tools to engage in role-play activities, such as making pretend cakes and pizzas in the mud kitchen. Children enjoy being creative, for example, they play musical instruments and investigate the different sounds they can make. They eagerly engage in imaginative play and acquire new skills, such as how to put on an assortment of different dressing up clothes.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children learn how to lead healthy lifestyles. They have plenty of opportunities to exercise. For example, they excitedly join in music and movement activities inside, as well as climbing and riding bikes in the garden. Children develop positive social skills, such as sharing and taking turns when playing on the mini seesaw. Children are confident and learn to be independent, for instance, they cut up their own fruit and vegetables at snack time. Children are settled and they show a sense of belonging. They forge very close bonds with the staff who are caring and attentive to children's needs.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are active learners, and confidently explore and investigate. For example, they enjoy using magnifying glasses in the garden to look at bugs they find. Children have a good range of experiences to develop their interest in the world around them. They learn to value and respect their own, and other peoples' similarities and differences. Children improve their physical skills and demonstrate good control and coordination, for example, when balancing on stepping-stones and climbing steps. Children develop the skills they need for their future learning and move to school.

Setting details

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Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1085825
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 - 4
Total number of places	56
Number of children on roll	128
Name of registered person	New Century Nursery Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP525218
Date of previous inspection	6 January 2015
Telephone number	01304 370290

New Century Nursery registered in 2005. The nursery is situated in Deal, Kent. It is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm, for most of the year. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 18 members of staff, of these, 14 hold relevant early years qualifications at level 3. The nominated person has achieved qualified teacher status.

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