

Little Star Nursery

Elm Hayes Surgery, Clandown Road, Paulton, Bristol, BS39 7SF



Inspection date	31 May 2017
Previous inspection date	29 May 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 secure and form strong attachments to staff that enable them to gain confidence. Staff enable children to be independent and choose whatever they want to do. All children make good progress in all areas of learning and development.
- Children are well cared for. For example, staff provide parents with information about what their children have eaten and how long they have slept. Staff give parents information about their children's achievements so that they can support learning at home.
- Staff continually support children's physical, social and communication development well. They plan activities that they know will interest the children. Staff skilfully involve the children and enable them to explore with all their senses.
- Outdoor learning is highly valued by staff, parents and children. For example, children learn to take risks safely, grow plants and enjoy their lunch outdoors.
- The manager and staff evaluate the nursery accurately and continually make improvements. They seek the views of parents to do this.
- Staff work highly effectively with other settings to make sure that the children are well prepared to move on to the next stage in their learning and pre-school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not fully develop and extend children's understanding of quantity and number.
- Children cannot easily access resources which extend their knowledge and experience of other cultures and communities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase the opportunities for children to learn about quantity and number in the activities they choose
- provide more opportunities for children to learn about cultures and communities other than their own.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching and learning activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children and considered their views.
- The inspector spoke to staff and had a meeting with the deputy manager.
- The inspector examined a range of documents including policies, procedures and records of assessment.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the deputy manager.

Inspector

Janet Dinsmore

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have received thorough training and know exactly what to look for and whom to notify of any concerns. There is a strong relationship with the other setting in the partnership, which enables the effective sharing of information so that children and families can adapt quickly when they move on. Regular staff discussions identify areas for improvement and the manager makes sure that she carries these out. Staff are well qualified and know how to assess children's progress accurately and identify the next steps they need to take. The manager ensures that staff can improve their qualifications and receive specific training for their responsibilities.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff successfully check that there is no slowing of progress or gaps in children's learning. They identify the next steps in learning well and design activities that will enable children to achieve these. Activities enable all aspects of development for children. For example, using real hay with the model farm animals enables children to find out what it feels like as they play. Staff continually encourage children's understanding by providing good comments on what children are doing; for example, explaining how soil and water mix. The indoor and outdoor areas are well resourced and children move freely between them throughout the day. Children choose resources for themselves, for example, retrieving a blanket for a doll or clambering onto a ride-on car.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff ensure that new children settle well because they provide individually tailored programmes to suit each child and their parents. Staff know each child's individual routine and personality really well, checking with parents daily to find out what children will need. Staff listen and observe children carefully so that they can predict the needs of those who are not yet talking. Children are curious and inquisitive. They are fully independent in exploring a wide range of activities and resources, for example, mud, water, sand and climbing. They learn to share and relate well to each other, for example, when encouraging each other to climb and to dance. They choose what they want to eat and learn to feed themselves. Staff, children and parents relate very well and there are high levels of mutual respect.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in crawling and walking. They use their hands well, for example, clapping and shaking musical instruments and painting with brushes. They learn to communicate well, understanding what staff say to them and learning the names of animals, for example. Children are confident in trying new challenges for themselves.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY425701
Local authority	Bath & NE Somerset
Inspection number	1094774
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	1 - 2
Total number of places	11
Number of children on roll	19
Name of registered person	Little Star Nursery Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP909285
Date of previous inspection	29 May 2015
Telephone number	01761 404227

Little Star Nursery is one of two privately owned nurseries and registered in 2011. It operates from the Community Room in Elm Hayes Surgery, Paulton, Bristol. The nursery is only for children who are under three years old. The nursery opens each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are eight members of staff. The manager has an early years teaching qualification, one member of staff is qualified at level 6, one at level 5, three at level 3 and one at level 2.

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