

Tom Thumb Nursery (Abbots Bromley) Ltd

Tom Thumb Nursery, Schoolhouse Lane, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 3BT



Inspection date	6 June 2017
Previous inspection date	28 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

- The new manager has a clear vision and aims to provide the highest-possible quality of care and education. She is supported by a well qualified and experienced team. They work well together to meet the needs of all children who attend.
- Partnerships with other professionals and schools are extremely good. Effective communication and cooperative working ensure that children and their families are very well supported.
- Staff provide a warm and welcoming environment. Children are happy and embrace the praise and reassurance they receive from staff. This effectively contributes to children's high self-esteem and confidence.
- Staff know the children well and provide opportunities to expand on their interests. They plan a wide range of activities to develop children's knowledge and skills at an appropriate level for their age.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Self-evaluation does not precisely identify areas for improvement to help children make the very best possible progress in their learning and development.
- Staff do not provide parents with enough current information on their children's next steps to help them continue to support their learning and development at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make better use of self-evaluation to precisely identify areas that will help improve children's learning and development
- provide parents with more information about their children's current next steps in learning to help support their children's learning and development at home.

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 completed a joint observation with one of the managers.
- The inspector held a meeting with the managers. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents through written feedback provided.

Inspector

Dawn Robinson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff can identify the signs of possible abuse and know who they should contact if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. Staff undertake regular checks of the environment to ensure it remains a safe place for children. The managers are further developing the monitoring of children's progress to help identify ways to continuously improve. Staff benefit from regular supervisions and training. They are effectively supported to develop their knowledge and skills. For example, staff's training on supporting children's speech and language is having a positive impact on developing children's communication skills. Parents' written comments clearly demonstrate their high regard for the nursery and its dedicated and caring staff. They describe their children's enthusiasm to attend, excellent progress and developing confidence.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Throughout the nursery, children are fully engaged in their play and enjoy exploring their environment. Staff have worked hard to develop the planning of activities in each room. They take into consideration children's next steps in learning which are incorporated into a wide range of stimulating activities. For example, young children enjoy creating sounds as they bang and tap on plastic bowls. Older children listen carefully as they are told a story using puppets. They enthusiastically join in with phrases that are repeated and encouraged to recall parts of the story. Babies are sensitively cared for by experienced staff. They enjoy acting out rhymes and join in with staff as they use their imaginations to row their boat in time to the music.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Settling-in sessions and all transitions are carefully planned. Staff gather and share information to ensure continuity in children's care, learning and development. Children are very well behaved. The importance of a healthy lifestyle is effectively taught. Children are provided with healthy and nutritious meals prepared on the premises. They have regular opportunities for exercise and enjoy playing outside throughout the day.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress from their starting points and are well prepared for their next stage in learning and their eventual move to school. Older children are keen to engage in conversations and demonstrate their skills and knowledge. They confidently count, add and recognise numbers. Children are taught to recognise and write their name. Younger children learn to make choices and to share and take turns. Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are extremely well supported. Staff ensure that children's specific needs are effectively met.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY427530
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	1094841
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 - 8
Total number of places	42
Number of children on roll	108
Name of registered person	Tom Thumb Nursery (Abbots Bromley) Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP527601
Date of previous inspection	28 May 2015
Telephone number	01283840170

Tom Thumb Nursery (Abbots Bromley) Ltd registered in 2011. The setting opens from Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year. Sessions are from 7.45am to 6pm. The nursery employs 17 members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds qualified teacher status and 12 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. It supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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