White House Day Nursery Alvaston



95 Shardlow Road, Alvaston, DERBY, DE24 0JR

Inspection date	30 June 2017
Previous inspection date	11 March 2013

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

- Practitioners create an inviting and enriching environment, especially the outdoor provision, which is excellent. Practitioners plan a good range of enjoyable, exciting activities for all children that challenges and stimulates their learning.
- Practitioners work effectively with parents and other early years professionals to ensure that children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities receive the additional support that they need to make good progress.
- Well-qualified practitioners support children's development successfully. They play alongside children and enhance their learning skilfully overall. Children make good progress and develop a secure foundation for their future learning.
- Practitioners encourage children to be independent and support them in making decisions about who they would like to play with. Children skilfully self-serve their own meals and pour their own drinks.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Practitioners are not yet successful in seeking detailed information from all parents about what their child already knows and can do, prior to starting at the nursery.
- Opportunities for all practitioners to share their expertise, knowledge and skills have not been fully developed, so that teaching is raised to an outstanding level to maximise children's attainment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage parents to share even more information about what their child already knows and can do when they first start, so that this comprehensive information can be used to plan more accurately for children's learning from the outset
- provide more targeted opportunities for staff to share their knowledge and skills and learn from each other to help raise teaching to an outstanding level.

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 spoke with practitioners and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery deputy manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of practitioners working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Susan Riley

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Practitioners are confident in their understanding of child protection matters and the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. Robust recruitment arrangements help to ensure the suitability of those working with children. Children are supervised well. The senior management team has a clear drive for the ongoing development of the nursery. They evaluate the quality of the service they provide, taking into consideration the views of practitioners, parents and children. Leaders and practitioners monitor children's progress carefully and follow thorough plans to help close any gaps in their development quickly. Leaders encourage practitioners to attend relevant training to enhance their professional development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are confident and happy in this nurturing environment. They make their own decisions about their play. Practitioners complete high-quality observations of children's learning. They use the information from these well to plan activities that help children make good progress. Practitioners offer good support to children who are learning English as an additional language. Babies become engrossed as they explore natural resources, they enjoy putting the small figures back into a box. During these activities, practitioners provide a running commentary and effective eye contact to support early communication skills. Toddlers enjoy matching buttons by shape and colour. Practitioners encourage children's mathematical development as they talk about the buttons and ask questions about their shape and colour. Older children's physical skills are excellent as they take part in daily physical activities, such as 'dough disco'. Practitioners help children to understand about how to care for living things. For example, they dig, plant seeds and harvest their produce.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Practitioners are friendly, nurturing and attentive to children's needs. Children settle well, forming strong bonds with practitioners and are happy and secure. Practitioners are strong role models and have successful and effective strategies in place to manage children's behaviour. Children's behaviour is good, they take turns and play cooperatively. Practitioners support children's emotional development well. This ensures children feel safe and secure. Practitioners provide opportunities for children to learn about the wider world, such as the different languages that people speak. From a young age, children learn how to wash their hands and enjoy nutritional meals and snacks.

Outcomes for children are good

All children, including those in receipt of funding, make good progress from their starting points. Older children are growing in confidence as they sit, listen and participate in stories and help themselves to books to read with their friends. The toddlers enjoy getting messy in the outdoor mud kitchen where they use tools and pans to make pretend cakes for their friends and practitioners. All children are well prepared for the next phase of their learning, including their move to school.

Setting details

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Local authority Derby, City of

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 0 - 4

Total number of places 79

Number of children on roll 152

Name of registered person Whitehouse Day Nursery Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP530867

Date of previous inspection 11 March 2013

Telephone number 01332 755533

White House Day Nursery Alvaston registered in 2012. The nursery employs 23 childcare practitioners. Of these, 18 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3, two hold level 5, one holds level 6 and one holds level 2. The nursery opens Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year from 7.30am until 6pm. They provide funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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