Jack and Jill Pre-School

Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 8AY



Inspection date	6 July 2017
Previous inspection date	18 April 2013

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and	welfare	Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Highly effective arrangements ensure parents play a full and active role in children's learning. Parents are encouraged to help on a rota basis to spend time with the children and engage in the pre-school's routines. Staff and parents share information about the progress children make in the pre-school and at home extremely well.
- The manager evaluates the provision very effectively. She meticulously gathers the views of staff, children and parents to set clear targets for improvements and enhance children's outcomes. She has very successfully addressed the recommendations from the last inspection. Staff provide excellent opportunities for children to build on their self-care skills by preparing and serving their food.
- Staff know the children exceptionally well. They have extremely high expectations of what children can achieve and they plan very successfully for their future development. Children are highly motivated, inquisitive and independent learners. For instance, they very eagerly learn how to turn cream into butter to use at mealtimes.
- Staff ensure that the exceptionally well-organised learning environments support children's sense of curiosity and their natural desire to explore and investigate. The excellent range of resources encourages children to be imaginative. For example, children make houses out of large construction blocks.
- Staff make excellent use of their knowledge and training to manage children's behaviour. They engage children exceptionally well in discussions and provide very clear boundaries and rules. Children behave extremely well. They show very high regard and respect for others, for example, as they open doors for each other and warn others to be careful of their fingers as the door closes.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

continue to enhance the already exceptional professional development to maintain the excellent standard of teaching, especially for newer staff.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and staff during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and spoke with parents, staff and children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including assessment records and planning, policies and procedures, and feedback from parents.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff and discussed the pre-school's self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Rachel Cornish

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have a robust and very thorough understanding of child protection. They are aware of their responsibilities, including the procedures for reporting any welfare concerns. Rigorous staff monitoring, which includes regular peer observations and the identification of training needs, helps to enhance staff's expertise. The manager recognises the opportunity to find even more ways to improve the new staff's teaching so that they are able to fully contribute to the children's learning. Policies and procedures are meticulous and implemented very successfully by the manager with the support of the committee. The manager has an excellent system to ensure that any identified gaps in children's learning are rapidly closing.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff assess children's progress very accurately and provide highly stimulating activities to enhance their development. Children who learn English as an additional language receive excellent support from staff so that they make significant progress in their learning. Staff very skilfully use each experience they offer children to enhance their learning and engagement. Staff consistently and expertly extend the learning of children of all ages and stages of development. Children talk very knowledgably and excitedly about the differences between animals, such as how cows produce milk and chickens produce eggs, their different characteristics and the noises they make. Staff ask key questions to enhance the children's thinking to a very high level. Older children develop excellent mathematical skills. For example, they very confidently sort cereal by colour, comparing amounts using language such as 'more than' and 'less than', and then shaping the cereal into the initials of their name. Staff support their exploration superbly, encouraging them to guess how many peas might be in the pea pods they harvest from their garden.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children benefit greatly from very high levels of care. Staff know and meet children's individual needs exceptionally well. A well-established key-person system and highly effective settling-in procedures result in children developing very secure bonds with staff and their peers. Parents comment on the good organisation and the high standards of care and activities provided. Staff are exceptional role models for children and this is evident in the children's excellent behaviour. Children are very well mannered and polite. The older children show genuine care and concern for the younger members of the group. They offer help whenever they can. For example, when a younger child runs around indoors, an older child steps in and holds their hand to walk around the setting safely.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly independent learners. They make positive decisions in their play and gain excellent skills in readiness for school. They gain an excellent understanding of the natural world and eagerly harvest vegetables from their garden to eat. Children have a very wide vocabulary. They receive excellent support from staff, who very skilfully guide their conversations and build their language, such as when discussing what happens to water in a sink with a plug in and what happens when they remove the plug.

Setting details

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Local authority Hampshire

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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 2 - 4

Total number of places 28

Number of children on roll 42

Name of registered person

Jack and Jill Pre-School

Registered person unique

reference number

RP519589

Date of previous inspection 18 April 2013

Telephone number 01425 673903

Jack and Jill Pre-School registered in 1989. It operates in Bransgore Village Hall and is managed by a voluntary committee of parents. The pre-school is open from 9am until 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 9am until midday on Tuesdays and Fridays, term time only. The pre-school receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged three and four years. The pre-school employs five members of staff who work with the children. Of these, one holds an early years qualification at level 6 and three hold qualifications at level 3.

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