

Carols Kidz Care

20 School Road, BEDLINGTON, Northumberland, NE22 7JQ



Inspection date	5 July 2017
Previous inspection date	20 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

- Staff successfully support children to develop strong emotional attachments in a warm and welcoming environment. They demonstrate high expectations of children they care for. This builds on children's confidence, fosters their positive behaviour and helps them to develop strong friendships with others.
- The quality of teaching is good and children make consistent progress in all areas of learning and development. From a very young age, children are confident communicators, for example, they talk freely to staff, children and visitors to the group.
- Partnerships with parents are good. Staff ensure they are kept informed about every aspect of their child's care and education, which enables parents to extend learning at home. Parents are extremely positive about the nursery.
- Staff provide a good range of experiences that enables children to be independent and to lead their own learning. They interact positively with children and encourage them to enjoy their learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not make the most of opportunities to enhance children's understanding of and skills in exploration and investigation.
- At times, staff do not make the most of opportunities for children to develop skills in thinking and reasoning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the learning opportunities for children to strengthen their skills in investigation and exploration
- provide further opportunities for children to develop thinking and reasoning skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises.
- The inspector observed activities throughout the nursery and assessed the quality of teaching and the impact on children's progress. The inspector spoke to staff and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation of an activity with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at records and documentation including evidence of the suitability of adults within the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their comments.

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager has an accurate understanding of the quality of the provision. She considers the views of staff, parents and children when deciding how to further develop the nursery and improve the outcomes for children. Regular supervision and training help staff improve their skills and outcomes for children. Partnership working is very effective. Staff work well with the local schools to support children as they prepare to move on to school. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff have reviewed and implemented a wealth of policies and practices to help keep children safe from harm. Staff have a good awareness of how to identify and report concerns regarding the welfare of a child. Robust risk assessment procedures help to ensure that staff are vigilant about any potential hazards so they can minimise these appropriately.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The staff team is well qualified. Overall, they demonstrate a clear understanding of how children learn and develop. Staff support children well to develop an understanding of technology. For example, children draw on small interactive boards which change colour and they investigate the changes. They play creatively with water as they investigate how it moves along various channels and look at creatures that live in the sea. Skilled staff encompass a wealth of learning opportunities that is fun and exciting. Staff are inventive in increasing children's awareness and understanding of making marks in all activities, such as outdoors with chalks as children draw pictures and draw around each other and staff. Children delight in reading familiar stories which staff support, for example, with props and children respond enthusiastically.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are engaged and motivated. Staff observe where children play and regularly review how the space within the nursery is used. This helps staff to create opportunities for children to choose where they would like to play and what they would like to play with. Staff provide good support for children's physical health. They encourage them to follow good hygiene routines and provide frequent opportunities for them to exercise. Staff support children's social skills well. Children are provided with a range of healthy, balanced meals which staff serve to children in a social setting. Children develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles and how to make healthy choices, for instance, they discuss the need to drink plenty water when it is warm. Children demonstrate a sense of pride in their work and in their achievements.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress from their individual starting points. Children show they are developing a range of skills that helps prepare them for school. They are competent in managing their self-care needs, relative to their ages and are confident in making independent choices.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY446221
Local authority	Northumberland
Inspection number	1095338
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	23
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Carol Olsen
Registered person unique reference number	RP905046
Date of previous inspection	20 January 2015
Telephone number	01670826330

Carols Kidz Care registered in 2012 and is located in Bedlington, Northumberland. The nursery employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday all year round. Sessions are from 7am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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