

St Columb Major Child Development Centre

St Columb Childrens Centre, Newquay Road, St Columb, TR9 6RW



Inspection date

21 September 2017

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Staff are well qualified and highly experienced. With significant expertise, staff meet the complex care and development needs of children extremely well. Their excellent support enables children to make the best progress possible from their starting points.
- Partnerships with parents and professional agencies are excellent. Communication between people involved with the children is extremely effective. Staff support children and families exceptionally well in preparation for the move to their next educational setting.
- Staff provide a highly secure and stimulating environment for children. They are vigilant in their procedures that promote and protect children's health and welfare.
- Observation, assessment and planning procedures are meticulous. Staff provide educational programmes that are unique to each child. The manager, teacher and staff monitor children's progress with precision. They successfully identify any areas of development for additional support and immediately provide for this.
- Self-evaluation procedures are rigorous. The manager and staff team successfully strive for and achieve continuous enhancement in their provision. Professional development and staff support is extremely effective. Staff further extend their excellent knowledge and teaching skills to enhance the outcomes for children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement the excellent current plans to extend the provision and enhance sensory resources even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the teacher, staff and parents.
- The inspector observed staff and children in their indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector read the self-evaluation form and completed a joint observation with the teacher.
- The inspector looked at a selection of children's development records and reports.
- The inspector viewed required documentation and safety of the premises.

Inspector
Julie Wright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a thorough knowledge of the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures which enables them to safeguard children's welfare. They attend training specific to the highly individual needs of children, to enhance their expertise. Staff take inspiration from training to extend learning opportunities for children. For example, they have plans to create additional sensory activities to further support and stimulate individual children. The teacher is an excellent role model for staff which successfully promotes highly consistent care and teaching for children. The manager and staff team use additional funding exceptionally well to further support children's individual needs, for instance, to source and provide more specialised equipment and toys.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Teaching skills are exemplary. Staff provide an excellent range of activities to successfully promote children's individual development. They specialise and focus extremely well on sensory experiences for children. With sensitivity and skill, staff encourage children to try something new and to 'have another go'. Staff model play exceptionally well for children. They describe what they are doing and use frequent repetition to encourage successful interaction. Support for communication and language development is excellent. Staff successfully engage and involve parents in children's learning. For example, they explain the signing they use so that parents can further support children's communication at home.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The very high ratio of staff to children means that children benefit from excellent support and individual attention. Staff are highly responsive to children's individual health and care needs. They ensure children are as comfortable and content as possible. Staff promote excellent trusting relationships with parents and children. They are exceptionally calm and soothing with children and skilfully teach them routines. For example, they dim the lights to indicate to children that there is about to be a change to the activities. Staff use pictures and other visual aids to very effectively help children understand what happens next. New children settle exceptionally well and very quickly learn what to do. For instance, they learn to sit together at story time and snack time, which successfully encourages children to interact and form relationships.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make significant steps in their social and communication development. For example, children show an excellent response as they develop a greater sense of others around them. Children feel extremely secure as they quickly become familiar with the routines of the session. They learn to make choices and readily take part in the activities, which successfully builds on their skills for further learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY492276
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	1025237
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	3 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Name of registered person	Cornwall Council
Registered person unique reference number	RP526915
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01872253878

St Columb Major Child Development Centre is one of two nurseries run by Cornwall Council. It registered in 2015 and operates from a room in St Columb Major Children's Centre in Cornwall. The nursery is open Wednesday to Friday, from 9am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm until 3pm, during term time. Places are allocated to children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities through a referral system. There are three members of staff, two of whom hold qualified teacher status and one is qualified to level 3. The nursery receives early education funding to provide free places for children aged three and four years.

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