Teddy Bear Nursery

Mardons House, Nightingale Way, Radstock, BA3 4NL



Inspection date	3 October 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and ma	nagement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assess	sment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and v	welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Leaders effectively support the well-qualified staff team. For example, staff have regular supervisory and team meetings. Staff use their training well to meet the needs of younger children in the nursery. Leaders observe and monitor staff teaching, making sure they support the children's needs well.
- Self-evaluation is successful. Leaders effectively include the views of staff, parents and children to help identify areas to continually improve outcomes for children.
- Leaders and staff use their research and share ideas well. For example, they have introduced 'in the moment planning' which has helped staff to plan effectively for children's learning to ensure they make good progress.
- Children behave well. Staff are caring and are good role models. For example, they help children understand how to take turns, share, and be kind and respectful to others.
- Leaders and staff support children and their families very well. They work in effective partnerships with other professionals to support children's specialist care, welfare and learning needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, staff complete tasks for children rather than encouraging them to do things for themselves to support them to develop their independence skills to the highest levels.
- Staff do not consistently organise some activities or changes between activities effectively to maintain children's learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the opportunities for children to do things for themselves and become more independent
- review the organisation of some activities and routines, in particular to support children to remain more interested and engaged in all learning opportunities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching throughout the nursery.
- The inspector held discussions with the leadership team. She spoke with children and staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, including staff suitability checks and self-evaluation documents. She viewed observations, assessments and documentation linked to checking children's progress.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation of staff practice and discussed this with the manager.

Inspector

June Robinson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Leaders and staff have a good understanding of child protection issues and the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child. For instance, they keep their knowledge up to date through regular training. Recruitment and induction procedures are effective in checking staff's initial and ongoing suitability. Leaders and staff monitor children's achievements closely and make good use of data about children's progress, to make changes where they identify weaker areas in learning. Leaders work well to use additional funding effectively, to ensure gaps in children's learning narrow and they make good progress. Partnerships with parents are effective. Leaders and staff keep parents well informed about their children's learning. For instance, through regular parents' meetings to discuss children's progress. Parents are very complimentary about the staff team. For example, they comment on how well staff share ideas on how they can support learning further in the home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff have a good understanding of how children learn. They use this knowledge to provide a good variety of stimulating play experiences that promote children's active learning. They support children well to express their creativity. For example, children make very original models, such as 'sparkly princess castles' and the 'Titanic', from recycled materials. Staff support younger children well to discover using their senses, such as experimenting with pouring glue into containers and exploring crisp, crunchy leaves outdoors. Staff encourage children to develop a love of stories and books. For instance, they plan storytelling sessions for children to be actively involved in acting out the storylines.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff support children's physical abilities well. For example, children have opportunities to be outdoors on a daily basis. They take part in movement sessions and think of different ways to move their bodies. Children have a good understanding of healthy lifestyles. For instance, they confidently discuss that eating healthy food helps them to grow strong. Children develop a positive awareness of similarities and differences between themselves and other people. For instance, they learn about a wide range of cultural festivals.

Outcomes for children are good

Children receive effective support to develop the skills they need for their future learning and the eventual move to school. They are confident, happy and motivated to learn. They listen attentively during adult-led group activities. All children make good progress. They develop their early literacy skills well. For example, children explore making marks and talk confidently about the meaning of the marks they have made. They recognise written words of importance to them, such as their names.

Setting details

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Local authorityBath & NE Somerset

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Type of provision Sessional provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 26

Number of children on roll 51

Name of registered person Teddy Bear Nursery (Westfield) Committee

Registered person unique

reference number

RP908641

Date of previous inspectionNot applicable

Telephone number 07759859025

Teddy Bear Nursery registered in 2015. It is based in Radstock. The nursery operates from 8.30am to 3.30pm on Monday to Friday, during term time only. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are eight staff employed to work directly with the children. Of these, seven hold relevant early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2.

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