

Mount Lane Day Care Nursery Ltd



Mount Lane Day Care Nursery, Mount Lane, MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire, TF9 1AQ

Inspection date	30 November 2017
Previous inspection date	8 October 2014

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 are warm and caring towards the children. They praise children for their achievements. This helps to foster children's strong emotional attachments. The consistent behaviour management strategies in place help children to form strong friendships with others. Outcomes for children are good.
- The provider seeks the views of the manager, staff, parents and their children. This self-evaluation process helps the provision to focus on continuous improvements that will benefit all children on roll.
- Staff develop strong partnerships with other providers, including the local schools. This consistent approach to sharing information helps to ensure continuity for children's care and learning.
- All staff receive one-to-one meetings with the manager to discuss their key children and anything else that concerns them. They are well supported to attend a range of training opportunities and share their new-found knowledge through team meetings, helping to ensure that teaching has a positive impact on all children's learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide enough time for children to explore activities to their own satisfaction.
- Staff do not always seek the highest possible level of detail from every parent about what their child already knows and can do, prior to the time of entry to the nursery.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide enough time for children to carry out their explorations and investigations to their own satisfaction
- encourage parents even further to share information about what their child already knows and can do, so that this comprehensive information can be used from the start.

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

Inspector

Mary Henderson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff make sure that all indoor and outdoor areas are risk assessed each day. This and good staff deployment help to keep children safe and well. Staff keep their child protection training up to date. They know who to talk to should they have a concern about a child in their care. The manager regularly monitors the educational programmes. This helps to ensure that all children are progressing well across all areas of their learning and development. Staff provide parents with daily verbal and written feedback about their child's routines and their learning each day. Parents are well supported by the staff to help with their child's learning at home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff support older children well as they explore a range of suitable programmes on the computer tablet. They have fun with older children as they join in and jump on and off large bubble wrap sheets in the role-play area. As older children make marks in the flour with their fingers, staff enhance this further, encouraging them to write the letters of their name. This helps to promote children's physical development and enhances their language, communication and literacy skills well. Staff use a running commentary as they talk with younger children during construction play times. They encourage younger children to care for their environment. For example, children have fun as they wash their dolls and other toys in the soapy water. Staff take children on a range of outings. For example, children visit the local shops to buy ingredients for cooking activities. Children also enjoy local visits to the farm. Here, they find out about life on the farm and enjoy having a go at pond dipping under close supervision of the staff. This helps to promote children's awareness of the world around them.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff provide healthy meals and snacks for all children. They supervise children well as they take manageable risks in their play. All children have daily opportunities to ride their tricycles, and use climb and balance equipment outdoors. They develop their physical skills further as they kick, catch and throw balls with their friends. This helps children to develop a growing awareness about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Outcomes for children are good

All children are progressing well. Older children thoroughly enjoy joining in during story times. They like to sit with their friends and look through books as they talk about their favourite characters. Younger children have great fun as they join in during singing and rhyme time, and demonstrate how they know all the actions. They are becoming increasingly confident as they make their own choices about what they want to play with. All children develop the skills they need in readiness for the next phase in their learning, including their move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY370449
Local authority	Shropshire
Inspection number	1104754
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	105
Number of children on roll	188
Name of registered person	Mount Lane Day Care Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP902800
Date of previous inspection	8 October 2014
Telephone number	01630 652 999

Mount Lane Day Care Nursery Ltd registered in 1990 and is privately owned. The nursery opens Monday to Friday, all year round, from 7.30am to 6pm. There are currently 22 members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds early years practitioner status, 13 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and two staff hold qualifications level 2. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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