Bright Horizons Southampton Day Nursery and Preschool



7-9 Roberts Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 5DF

Inspection date Previous inspection date		9 January 2018 Not applicable	
The quality and standards of the	This inspection	on: Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspe	ection: Not applicable	
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

- Managers communicate high expectations to all and encourage staff to develop their knowledge and skills constantly. Staff work well together. They identify areas for improvement and their views are valued.
- Children enjoy a wide variety of interesting activities, toys and equipment indoors and outdoors. Staff plan a good range of activities to meet the next steps in children's learning and development. Children make good progress from their starting points.
- Parents report they are very happy with the care and education their children receive and the information staff share with them.
- Staff are attentive and act as positive role models. This helps to promote children's emotional well-being. Children are confident and behaviour is good.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff monitor individual children's progress effectively, they do not use the information fully to identify gaps in achievement between different groups of children to help them evaluate the effectiveness of learning overall.
- Systems to encourage parents to share information about their children's ongoing learning and development at home do not effectively engage all parents.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the systems for monitoring the progress of different groups of children, enabling weaknesses to be identified and addressed
- develop further ways to engage all parents to share information about their children's activities and achievements at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises and reviewed the resources with the manager.
- The inspector observed the children and staff at play, observed and discussed a planned activity with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents and read emails from parents, to gain their views of the nursery.
- The inspector discussed the self-evaluation process.
- The inspector reviewed a variety of documents and records provided by the manager.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff know what to do if they have a concern about a child's welfare. Safety is a high priority. The premises are secure and risk assessments are thorough. Children learn about risks within the environment and know how to stay safe. The manager implements staff recruitment and suitability procedures well. Detailed records reflect the action taken for any accidents, complaints or incidents involving children. Staff benefit from regular supervision, team meetings and opportunities to complete training. This has a very positive impact on their ability to work successfully as a team for the benefit of the children. Strong partnerships develop with professionals, enhancing opportunities for children to get the support they need.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff carefully monitor children's progress and identify any gaps in learning and development. This enables individual children to receive any additional support they may need to make progress. Staff plan and provide an interesting variety of activities for children to encourage their skills and curiosity. For example, children act as 'scientists' as they conduct experiments with ice, salt, warm water and baking soda. They speculate which chemical will help the ice to melt to free the dinosaur frozen inside. Staff ask questions that encourage children to think and link ideas. Young children focus well and engage as they experiment with toy cars on slopes in the garden. Staff encourage language development well, for instance, extending children's single words into simple sentences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff develop warm nurturing relationships with the children. They speak to children calmly and provide lots of praise and encouragement, which boosts their self-esteem. Staff teach children about a healthy lifestyle through role modelling, conversations and activities. For example, children enjoy physical activity as they climb confidently on the climbing frame developing their coordination and balance well. They pedal and steer the tricycles with increasing skill. Children enjoy nutritious meals freshly prepared each day and are encouraged to drink water regularly to keep them hydrated. Staff help children to learn to respect others and to recognise their feelings.

Outcomes for children are good

All children develop the skills and confidence to get them ready for the next stage of their learning and school. Babies enjoy splashing in the water, feeling the texture of the sand and building with the blocks. They confidently explore, hide and show delight when they find hidden items. Older children use numbers, count, and match, refer to size and shape and use positional language in their play. Children throughout the nursery enjoy sharing books. They listen attentively to stories and know that print carries meaning. They make marks with a variety of items and develop the skills to help them read and write.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY492794
Local authority	Southampton
Inspection number	1025450
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 - 4
Total number of places	81
Number of children on roll	108
Name of registered person	Bright Horizons Family Solutions Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901358
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0203 8188301

Bright Horizons Southampton Day Nursery and Preschool registered in 2015. It is one of many settings owned and managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions Ltd. The nursery is open each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery is in receipt of funding for early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. There are 27 staff employed to work with the children, 20 of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications.

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