

Tiny Tots Nursery (Derby) Limited



Boulton Childrens Centre, 47b, Holbrook Road, Derby, DE24 0DD

Inspection date	30 January 2018
Previous inspection date	28 February 2017

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
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

- The management team is ambitious and hardworking. It demonstrates determination to drive forward continuous improvements and has successfully met the actions raised at the previous inspection.
- Partnerships with the team at the attached children's centre are very good. Projects that are delivered jointly are effective in improving outcomes for children. For example, children, staff and parents attend a stay-and-play group at the centre once a week with an emphasis on developing children's speech and language skills.
- Children play happily and form good relationships with staff. They respond well to the daily routines of the nursery. Staff have high expectations of children's behaviour and give clear reminders of the rules and boundaries. Children respond well to these.
- Parents are kept informed about their children's progress. Staff provide parents with ideas and activities to do with their children at home to help continue their learning.
- Children who speak English as an additional language progress. Staff use familiar words and phrases in children's home language to help them develop confidence in speaking.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Systems to monitor staff's practice are not fully established to develop skills and improve the quality of practice to an outstanding level.
- Staff do not consistently make precise use of assessments of children's progress to plan as effectively as possible for their next steps in learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen systems to monitor the quality of teaching and staff's interactions to help develop their teaching skills and raise children's attainment levels even further
- make more precise use of assessments to plan further opportunities to fully support children's individual next steps in learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities inside and outside and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with one of the management team.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector held meetings with the management team and looked at improvement plans and at evidence of the suitability of staff working at the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.

Inspector

Josie Mapes

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Since the last inspection, the management team has worked very hard to improve and develop their practice. It has reduced group sizes and reviewed behaviour management policies and procedures. Staff have received training and mentoring sessions to support their knowledge and understanding of speech and language development. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Managers and staff take their responsibility to keep children safe extremely seriously. They attend regular training to keep their knowledge up to date and confidently identify any possible signs and symptoms of abuse. Overall, managers monitor children's progress closely and quickly identify any children who are in need of extra support or intervention. They work in partnership with other agencies involved in children's care to support consistency in learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The well-qualified staff team knows all of the children well and plans enjoyable learning experiences for them. Children enjoy building sandcastles in the sandpit. Staff show genuine warmth and care in their interactions with children. They narrate carefully as children play to support their language development. For example, staff say, 'Pat, pat, pat' as children tap the top of the buckets before releasing their sandcastle. Children show off their creations confidently to staff and are proud of their handiwork. Children choose to spend a lot of time outdoors. They show curiosity in the frost that has formed on play equipment over night. Staff talk to children about why the frost has formed and help children to explore the sound it makes when they walk on it.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are warmly welcomed into the small and friendly nursery. Staff support their emotional and physical well-being effectively. For example, a healthy breakfast is always available for children. Staff are good role models. They talk gently to children and are clear about the expectations and boundaries. For example, children show they understand that only four children at a time can play around the sandpit. Children confidently pursue their own interests as they explore the indoor and outdoor play areas. Children learn about the importance of good health and benefit from plenty of fresh air and exercise.

Outcomes for children are good

Children of all abilities make good progress in their learning and development. They are well prepared for school and the next stage of learning. Children grow in confidence and make friends with their peers. They learn to share and take turns with resources. They join in happily with action songs and listen well to stories and nursery rhymes.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY495143
Local authority	Derby, City of
Inspection number	1086656
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 3
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	19
Name of registered person	Tiny Tots Nursery (Derby) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901392
Date of previous inspection	28 February 2017
Telephone number	01332572387

Tiny Tots Nursery (Derby) Limited registered in 2015. The nursery employs five members of childcare staff, all of whom have relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 and the area manager holds early years professional status. The nursery operates Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 9am until 3pm, except for Wednesdays when the nursery opens from 9am until 3.30pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-year-old children.

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