

Scamps of Benson Ltd

10 Churchfield Lane, Benson, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6SH



Inspection date	9 April 2018
Previous inspection date	18 February 2015

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

- The provider leads an enthusiastic team of staff, which works well together. The strong leadership team monitors the quality of the provision, sets targets to drive further improvements and to continuously develop the service it offers to children and their parents.
- Children are settled and secure at this friendly, welcoming nursery. Staff work hard to create an interesting learning environment where children easily choose from a good mixture of resources and equipment.
- The manager and staff monitor the development of individual and groups of children closely. They quickly identify any gaps in their learning and effectively offer further support for children who need it, such as those who speak English as an additional language.
- Staff create a very nurturing environment where children feel happy and secure. Staff get to know each child closely and build strong bonds early on. Children arrive ready to learn and make good progress from their starting points.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- On occasions, during small-group activities, some children are not fully involved in a meaningful way for the duration of the activities.
- Staff do not consistently share relevant information with professionals at other settings that children attend, to support a consistent approach to 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:

- focus more closely on encouraging younger children to be more involved during small-group activities
- strengthen the relationships with professionals at other settings that children attend, to support continuity in children's learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector undertook a tour of the premises inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and the provider. She sampled relevant documentation, such as evidence of staff suitability.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.

Inspector

Amanda Perkin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The management team is dedicated to meeting the needs of all children. Managers lead their enthusiastic team successfully and prioritise staff's continued professional development. The management team offers effective support and guidance through regular meetings and identifies helpful further training opportunities. For example, after recent training, staff have developed their understanding of children's additional needs and how to manage their feelings more effectively. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a thorough and up-to-date knowledge of child protection concerns and the actions to take to safeguard children's welfare. The management team implements effective recruitment procedures to ensure all adults are suitable to work with children. This helps to protect children from harm.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff review children's ongoing development well, to ensure all children have effective next steps in their learning identified. This helps to ensure that all gaps in children's learning are minimised. Staff support children's communication and language skills well. For instance, they offer opportunities for smaller group activities, ask children appropriate questions about their play and use questioning well. Staff demonstrate new skills to children, such as using different tools for painting and mark making. Staff support children's interest in the natural world particularly well. For instance, during a group activity, children enthusiastically discuss the different seasons, what plants need to grow and how bees collect honey.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are happy and enjoy their time at this warm and friendly nursery. Staff offer flexible settling-in sessions so that children are able to become familiar with their new surroundings. Babies receive highly attentive and nurturing care which helps to promote their emotional security very well. Children behave well and learn to manage their own emotions. They make good friendships and enjoy sharing their experiences, such as when completing puzzles and exploring paint in 'messy play'. Children are learning how to keep themselves healthy. For example, they benefit from plenty of physical activity and enjoy nutritious meals and snacks. They are very active and make good use of the well-resourced garden, such as when exploring the mud kitchen or climbing challenging equipment.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are confident and develop strong social skills. They learn to share and take turns. Younger children enjoy new physical challenges, such as finding different ways of moving through the tunnel and exploring the ball pit. Older children practise their mathematical skills. For instance, they count during everyday activities and routines. Children are well prepared for their future learning and for the move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY261414
Local authority	Oxfordshire
Inspection number	1085799
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	75
Number of children on roll	600
Name of registered person	Scamps Of Benson Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP906313
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2015
Telephone number	01491 835047

Scamps of Benson Ltd registered in July 2002 and operates from Benson, in Oxfordshire. The nursery opens each weekday from 7.30am to 6pm, for 51 weeks of the year. It also provides before- and after-school and holiday care for older children. There are 19 members of staff, 14 of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications between level 2 and level 6. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early years education for children aged two, three and four years.

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