

# Nursery on the Green

74 Church Green Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK3 6BY



## Inspection date

13 April 2018

Previous inspection date

25 August 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is outstanding

- The highly reflective leadership and management team has created an exceptional and vibrant provision for all children. It organises the provision meticulously to meet the needs and next steps for all groups of children.
- The quality of teaching is consistently of an inspirational quality. Staff skilfully ask questions to challenge children successfully to make their own decisions and solve problems. They make precise assessments of children's development to plan an exciting range of activities.
- The wealth of innovative opportunities for learning is awe inspiring, stimulating and exciting for children. All children make independent choices from a wide and extremely well-organised range of age-appropriate resources to extend their own learning, both indoors and outdoors.
- Staff support children's self-care skills exceptionally well. Children are confident and self-assured.
- Staff value all children. They take children's thoughts and feelings into consideration at every opportunity. Staff are superb role models for children. Children's behaviour is exemplary.
- All children make excellent progress from their starting points. They are extremely well prepared for their future learning and their eventual move to school.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to use cohort tracking to make the gaps in achievement of different groups of children even smaller.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the setting.
- The inspector observed the quality of staff's interactions with children during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation and spoke to the manager about how she evaluates the effectiveness of the provision.
- The inspector talked with parents and listened to their views about the nursery and their children's progress.

### Inspector

Lisa Dailey

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. All staff are very confident and knowledgeable about their individual responsibilities to keep children safe from harm. The leadership and management use highly successful systems to monitor and evaluate all aspects of the provision. They inspire staff to be fully involved in the self-evaluation process. The manager and the extremely impressive staff team show a determination to improve their own practice and outcomes for children even further. The manager meticulously observes and evaluates staff's practice and makes staff's training a high priority. For example, recent training has resulted in staff planning excellent opportunities to develop language through play. This further enhances children's early language development.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff use their expert knowledge to support children's learning and tailor experiences to children's interests. For example, staff encouraged children to select equipment independently to extend their fascination in the puddles outside. They added washing-up liquid to the puddles to observe and experience what happened next. Children then extended the activity themselves by using paintbrushes and rollers to make marks and patterns on the ground. The youngest children smile and laugh as they use their senses to explore toothpaste with toothbrushes in messy play. Partnership with parents is highly effective. Parents feel very involved in their children's learning. Staff regularly share information with them about their child's progress, care and achievements.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The staff provide an exceptionally welcoming environment for children. Children are comfortable, happy and settle well in the nursery. The use of very well-established routines, combined with the excellent layout of equipment, helps promote even the youngest children's independence and self-esteem to the highest level. Children are highly valued, and staff discuss activities with them and use their suggestions to improve the game. For example, children hide a bear for them to find as they enact the bear hunt story. Staff skillfully support children's moves on to the next stage of their learning.

### Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children make superb progress in their learning and development. They are extremely capable leaders of their own learning. They develop impressive social skills as they listen and take account of others' ideas. Children rapidly acquire and use new vocabulary in their play. For example, children explore straw and shaving foam in the messy play tray and use words to describe the contrast in what they feel. The youngest children use chalk to draw on the ground outside, describing the shapes they make as they draw. Children develop the attitudes, skills and dispositions needed to support fully the next steps in their learning.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	141756
<b>Local authority</b>	Milton Keynes
<b>Inspection number</b>	1127131
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	1 - 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	24
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	38
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Jacqueline Sylvia Waller
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP904425
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	25 August 2015
<b>Telephone number</b>	01908 374757

Nursery on the Green registered in 1992. It is located in Bletchley, Milton Keynes and it opens Monday to Friday from 8am until 6pm. The nursery operates from a family home. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education to children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs seven members of staff. The manager holds a qualification at level 5 and all other staff hold relevant qualifications at level 2 or 3.

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