Treetops Belper

1 Gibfield Lane, BELPER, Derbyshire, DE56 1WA



Inspection date	12 June 2018
Previous inspection date	7 July 2015

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Teaching is very strong throughout the nursery. Staff are extremely effective at communicating with children. Staff are skilled in developing children's speech and language. Children who are at risk of falling behind in their communication and language development catch up quickly.
- Leaders and managers are highly ambitious for the nursery and the children. They regularly consult with parents, staff and children. This results in focused changes that enhance children's time at the nursery. For example, forest school activities now extend children's outdoor learning experiences.
- Staff have an in-depth understanding of how young children learn. They plan exciting, interesting and challenging experiences for the children. Activities are skilfully extended and developed by staff to retain children's interest in learning. As a result, children are extremely well-prepared for school.
- Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, their parents and their key person receive excellent support from a staff member who is highly skilled in this area. As a result, the children are fully involved in nursery life.
- Staff work closely with other professionals, such as speech and language therapists. Staff include targets set by the other professionals in the children's next steps for learning.
- Staff pay close and careful attention to settling children into the nursery. They use innovative methods to gather detailed information from parents about their child. Staff encourage families to share information about the child's family and home life. This helps staff to welcome and settle children into the nursery quickly.
- Children behave exceptionally well. Staff communicate their expectations to the children clearly. As a result, children know, understand and follow the nursery routines. This creates a calm and purposeful learning environment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

 review how very young children are supported to independently wash before and after mealtimes.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in all areas of the nursery and the outdoor area.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and held a meeting with the manager and area manager.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and from written testimonials provided by parents for the inspector.
- The inspector reviewed children's records, planning documentation, evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery and a range of other documentation.

Inspector

Joanne Mary Smith

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The manager has a strong oversight of the nursery. She has robust procedures in place to check the effectiveness of the nursery. Staff have regular, insightful feedback on their work. Training is carefully matched to the needs of the individual staff member or the nursery. For example, staff who work with babies receive training on assessing babies' progress and planning for their learning. The manager completes a thorough evaluation of children's progress in each room. She identifies aspects of the curriculum that need enhancing. She and the staff devise and implement an action plan to address the weaknesses. The changes made have a positive impact on children's progress. Safeguarding is effective. Staff at all level have a secure knowledge of the signs and symptoms that may indicate abuse. They are confident about the procedures to follow if they have any concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff have an excellent understanding of the needs of the age group of children they are working with. Assessment of children's development is accurate. Staff use their comprehensive knowledge of each child's development to carefully plan experiences that capture the children's imaginations and interest. Staff have high expectations of children. They take every opportunity to challenge children's thinking and reasoning. Older children took part in a science experiment. They were asked to form a hypothesis before they started the experiment. The staff member explained what this meant so that the children understood what they were being asked to do. Staff are highly perceptive. They use what they see and hear children doing to extend activities. A staff member used a conversation with children about vinegar in the science experiment to extend children's learning. They created a new experiment later in the day. Children tested whether vinegar, water or a vinegar solution was the best liquid for cleaning windows. In both experiments children recorded their findings by drawing pictures or writing.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The environment is safe, thoughtfully planned and strongly supports staff's teaching and interaction with children. As a result, children of all ages are curious and keen to learn. Babies and very young children are developing an understanding of their own physical needs. They access their drinking cups freely throughout the day to quench their thirst. Parents have regular, high quality feedback on their children's development. Staff support parents well to continue children's learning at home. Children's transition to school is extremely well planned. It includes learning how to change for physical education.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make very good progress. Babies develop excellent hand eye coordination and physical control. For example, they successfully use spoons to feed themselves. All children's literacy and numeracy skills are developing extremely well. Young children enjoy listening to stories, sing rhymes, name shapes and identify items that are big and small. Older children write recognisable letters and understand that words have meaning. They recognise numbers and can count groups of objects up to five.

Setting details

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Local authority Derbyshire

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register

Age range of children 0 - 4

Total number of places 90

Number of children on roll 165

Name of registered person Treetops Nurseries Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP900833

Date of previous inspection 7 July 2015

Telephone number 01773882423

Treetops Belper was registered in 2003. The nursery employs 23 members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an early years qualification at level 5, eight have an early years qualification at level 3, and 10 have an early years qualification at level 2. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday all year round. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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