

Shooting Stars Nurseries Stourbridge

Shooting Stars Nursery, 168 Lower High Street, Stourbridge DY8 1TT



Inspection date	31 July 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is good

- Children throughout the nursery are happy, confident and settled. New children to the nursery settle quickly and develop close bonds with staff. This is because staff are kind, caring and respond well to the individual needs of children.
- Staff provide a welcoming environment and a good range of interesting activities that matches children's interests. Children make good progress relative to their starting points.
- The managers and staff reflect well on the provision. They gather the views of parents and other professionals in order to help identify targets for continuous improvement.
- Good partnerships are in place with local schools. Staff support children well as they transfer to school. Teachers are invited into the nursery to visit the children. This helps to promote children's confidence.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The organisation of some group activities does not enable all children to remain focused and engaged in their learning.
- Staff are not successful at making sure that all parents are fully informed about children's current learning needs in order for them to continue to support their children's learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- focus on the organisation of some group activities more effectively in order to minimise distractions and enable all children to remain focused in their learning
- build on communication with parents and find more ways to involve them in helping to support their children's learning at home.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff engaging with children in a range of activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector completed two joint observations with the manager and deputy.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and area manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of suitability of the staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to children, parents and staff during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Amanda Tompkin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff have a good understanding of their responsibilities to protect children from harm. They are aware of the signs that may alert them to any child protection concerns. Managers and staff are confident with the procedures to follow to report any concerns to the relevant agencies. Staff supervise children well. They follow risk assessments effectively to help minimise risks to children. The management team effectively supports staff with their professional development. Staff are well qualified and have regular opportunities to attend further training and receive ongoing coaching. This enables them to develop their teaching knowledge and skills. Parents spoken to on the day of inspection express how happy they are with the service provided. They say that their children enjoy attending and they are happy with the level of progress their children are making. Parents say that they would recommend the nursery to other parents.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff use their observations of children to plan carefully for the next steps in their learning. They effectively monitor children's progress to ensure any gaps in learning are identified and acted upon. Managers track the progress that specific groups of children make to help raise children's outcomes even further. Children's communication and language skills are promoted well. Staff engage children in regular and meaningful conversations. Staff working with babies frequently repeat and reinforce new words.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children show they feel secure with their key person. For example, babies readily approach staff for cuddles and comfort when visitors are present. Older children confidently invite staff to join in with their play. Children are confident and self-assured. They play well with other children and learn to share, take turns and cooperate with each other. Children's physical skills are developing well. All children spend time in the garden where they benefit from fresh air and exercise. Staff encourage children to become independent. For example, older children take care of their own hygiene needs, such as washing their hands at appropriate times.

Outcomes for children are good

Children have opportunities to learn through activities, such as role play. They develop early skills in numeracy and literacy as they write out orders while playing in their pretend café and talk about how much the items on the menu cost. Babies are comfortable in their surroundings. Toddlers enjoy taking part in yoga sessions. Pre-school children confidently practise writing their name. All children, including those in receipt of additional funding and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, are making good progress. They are developing the skills they need to support them with their future learning, including moving on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY551537
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	10059687
Type of provision	Full day care
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	59
Number of children on roll	109
Name of registered person	My Shooting Stars Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP551536
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01384 444388

Shooting Stars Nurseries Stourbridge registered in 2017. It is situated in Stourbridge and is one of six settings operated by the same provider. The nursery employs 26 members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate qualifications from level 3 to 6. One member of staff holds qualified teacher status. The nursery opens from 7.30am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round, except for bank holidays. It provides funded early years education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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