Little Shining Stars

off Brougham Road, Lakeside, Huddersfield HD7 6AE



Inspection date	22 August 2018	
Previous inspection date	10 November 2015	

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

- Partnership with parents is strong. The staff exchange valuable information with parents about children's learning and successes, and parents are very complimentary about the support they receive.
- The key-person system is effective. This helps children to settle well and develop strong bonds with the staff. This contributes to their emotional security and well-being.
- The staff have a good understanding of how children learn. Observations and assessments are used effectively by the staff to identify what each child needs to learn next, helping them to make good progress individually.
- Positive partnerships are in place with schools and other settings. Information is regularly shared to ensure a consistent approach to meeting children's individual needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The registered person failed to notify Ofsted of a change in management within 14 days. This is a requirement.
- The manager has not identified how to use supervisions to raise the quality of teaching to the highest level.
- The manager does not compare and analyse the progress made by all groups of children to enable the staff to reduce any differences in children's achievements.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- identify through more robust supervision, how the staff can increase the quality of teaching to the highest level
- continue to develop monitoring assessment practices to identify any gaps in achievement between groups of children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and learning, and assessed the impact on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager and assessed children's learning. The inspector looked at children's assessment records and planning documents and discussed children's progress with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and the provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of suitability of staff and a selection of the nursery's policies documents, including the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- The inspector took account of parents' views through discussions and written feedback.

Inspector

Helen Sanders

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The registered person failed to notify Ofsted of a change in manager and this is a breach of safeguarding requirements. In these circumstances however, there has been no impact on children as the new manager was already known to the children and keeps them safe. The registered person has now notified Ofsted of a change in management. Safeguarding is effective. The staff are trained in child protection and safeguarding procedures and have a good up-to-date knowledge of how to identify and address any concerns. All the staff hold paediatric first-aid qualifications. Recruitment and induction processes are robust and risk assessments are regularly reviewed to minimise and manage risks to children. The staff have worked closely with the local authority to complete a self-audit, to identify the nursery's strengths and areas that require development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Parents evenings are held regularly which helps to engage parents in their children's learning and progress. The staff show a good understanding of how to assess individual children and can identify and then plan for their next steps in learning. There is a strong focus on communication and language, and staff talk to the children and model how to say words correctly. The staff ask questions and give children time to answer. For example in the baby room, the staff share a story using intonation, questioning and praise to help to develop and engage young children. Early literacy skills, such as teaching phonics and also mathematical development are promoted which helps children to be ready for school. For example, when children are encouraged to use mathematical skills to identify today's date.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The nursery is well organised and helps children to confidently move around. The children are encouraged by the staff to choose resources, which helps them to become increasingly independent. For example, children learn to wash their hands before mealtimes and collect their own drinks at breakfast time. The staff are good role models and this helps children to learn about how to behave. The outdoor area has been improved and helps children to develop their physical skills and their understanding of risk. For example, when children climb the ramp, they step carefully and slowly. Children are polite and friendly and learn to share and take turns. Children's relationships with other children are good, they encourage one another, for example, when older children recognise and celebrate younger children trying to use a spoon independently.

Outcomes for children are good

All children, including those who receive funded education, make good progress from their starting points and are well prepared for their next stage in learning. They are interested in the resources that are available, are confident communicators and interact well with one another. Children join in with singing and action songs with enthusiasm.

Setting details

Unique reference numberEY475114Local authorityKirkleesInspection number10063987Type of provisionFull day care

RegistersEarly Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children 1 - 11

Total number of places 45

Number of children on roll 63

Name of registered person

Little Shining Stars Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP533477

Date of previous inspection 10 November 2015

Telephone number 07572 243802

Little Shining Stars registered in 2014. The nursery employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The nursery opens Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6pm, all year round. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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