Treasures Of Duston

46 Bordeaux Close, NORTHAMPTON NN5 6YR



Inspection date	17 October 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Not applicable	2
Effectiveness of leadership and manage	gement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	ssment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and	welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is good

- The ambitious manager provides effective leadership; she is committed to continuous improvements. She has put in place many recent improvements that are beginning to have a positive impact on children's outcomes. For example, parents are using the provided information sheets to further support their children's learning at home.
- Staff working with the younger children are particularly skilled at supporting children's communication and language skills. They are very attentive to children's individual ways of communicating and respond enthusiastically. Staff help children learn new words and create sentences.
- Staff provide interesting activities based on children's interest, this helps to engage children well.
- All children are gaining the skills that help prepare them for the next stage in their learning and school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Pre-school staff do not make full use of their assessment of children's learning to meticulously plan highly challenging activities to help children reach the highest levels in their learning.
- The monitoring of assessment information for groups of learners, such as for children with English as an additional language, is not fully in place to help target support as well as possible.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- refine the systems of assessment and planning to focus even more sharply on helping preschool children make consistently outstanding progress.
- continue to develop the monitoring of progress for different groups of children to enhance aspects of provision and practice for the different groups of learners.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including, risk assessments, staff suitability checks, children's observation, assessment and planning records, and documentation linked to managing children's progress.
- The inspector spoke with members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and held meetings with the manager.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of staff practice and discussed monitoring and professional development.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and from discussions with the manager.

Inspector Vicky Weir

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures that all staff understand their responsibilities to safeguard children. She works closely with other professionals involved in supporting children's welfare. Effective risk assessments help ensure children play in a safe environment. Recruitment, vetting and induction procedures effectively help ensure staff are suitable. The manager provides regular supervisory meetings to check and develop staff knowledge of their responsibilities. She uses these meetings to discuss and check the progress of individual children to help ensure there are no gaps. Parents are very complimentary about the quality of the provision, they comment on how well their children gain confidence and make friends. Self-evaluation includes the views of the local authority and parents.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff regularly share detailed information about children's progress and the next steps in their learning with parents. They encourage children to explore and follow their own ideas, choosing from the wide range of stimulating toys and resources. Staff make good use of the outdoor area to stimulate children's understanding the world. Children enjoy exploring natural materials making 'pine cone monsters'. Children enjoy visits out into the local community, and staff teach them about different occupations. Staff read stories to children and use skilled questions to support their literacy skills. They help children count and explore shapes. Younger children explore using their senses and receive effective support for their early pretend play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are skilled at helping children develop good relationships. They teach children the consistent expectations for their behaviours, such as through gentle reminders about 'kind hands'. Staff ensure meal times are enjoyable social events. Parents report that staff are particularly skilled at helping children to try new foods. Staff teach children the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. Each day children physically exert themselves outside. Staff give children support to help them stay safe, such as reminders to stop and balance before trying to climb across tyres.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are working within the expected levels of development for their age and in relation to their starting points. Children with English as an additional language learn to speak English. Children in receipt of additional funding effectively narrow any gaps in their learning. All children are motivated to explore and learn. They are happy, settled and enjoy their time in this welcoming and vibrant nursery.

Setting details

Unique reference number EY537363

Local authority Northamptonshire

Type of provision 10079336

Full day care

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children 0 - 5

Total number of places 45

Number of children on roll 69

Name of registered person SJS Childcare Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP535080

Telephone numberNot applicable 07870640866

Treasures of Duston registered in 2016 and is managed by SJS Childcare Ltd. The nursery employs ten members of childcare staff. Of these, nine hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday all year round. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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