

Bright Star Nursery

Gainford House, Picktree Lane, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH3 3SR



Inspection date	23 October 2018
Previous inspection date	8 December 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is outstanding

- Support for children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is exceptional. The staff team demonstrates a strong commitment to working with external agencies and parents to support all children to excel.
- Staff plan highly stimulating and challenging experiences that are targeted extremely well at supporting children to build on their individual abilities. For instance, staff play alongside toddlers during a sensory activity when they pretend to make potions. They skilfully teach children new vocabulary to extend their mathematical understanding.
- Staff place a high priority on children's emotional well-being. They work extremely closely with families and other settings to ensure continuity in care and learning. Children's care needs are extremely well met.
- The leadership team has developed a strong vision throughout the nursery. Staff feel extremely well supported in their professional development. They benefit from many opportunities to continually improve their excellent teaching. For example, they benefit from high-quality training and highly focused supervision arrangements.
- Staff regularly review children's progress and share this with parents. Any gaps in learning are identified and exceptionally well planned for. Staff are extremely proactive in securing support from external agencies to help children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the already excellent opportunities for staff to take increasing responsibility for leading areas of practice that enrich children's outcomes to even higher levels.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery leadership team. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Amy Keith

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff use their extensive training and experience to support families and identify concerns about children's well-being. There are robust vetting systems in place to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. Meticulous documentation is maintained, including detailed accident records and risk assessments. Staff are deployed very effectively and this helps to ensure children are fully supervised. All staff help to evaluate the quality of the provision. The leadership team is extending opportunities for staff to take increasing responsibility to lead sustained improvements that continually enrich outcomes for all children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The learning environment is extremely well resourced. Children are encouraged to use resources in a variety of ways and are supported to use their imagination to extend their thoughts and ideas. For example, pre-school children make dough independently. They know the different ingredients that are needed and mix them thoroughly to create dough that is the correct consistency. Staff ask excellent questions to support children's problem-solving skills and support them to work collaboratively. Children demonstrate excellent social skills as they discuss what they are making and listen carefully to one another's ideas. They confidently talk to adults about what they are creating and how they plan to do it.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's behaviour is exemplary. Staff have extremely high expectations of children and are excellent role models. Staff play alongside toddlers and skilfully support them to share and take turns. Children's independence skills are exceptionally well supported. They show high levels of determination and respond to praise from staff extremely positively. Children's health and physical well-being are promoted superbly with lots of outdoor learning experiences. Children learn to manage risks as they are successfully supported to learn to extend and challenge their own physical skills during weekly visits to the local woodland area.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely motivated and active learners. They thrive in the nurturing and caring environment. For instance, babies have exceptionally strong bonds with their key person. They benefit greatly from sensitive interactions from adults and are delighted when their parents are invited to participate in stay-and-play session. All children make rapid progress from their starting points. Children are extremely well prepared for the next stage in their learning and their eventual move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY441200
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10069301
Type of provision	Full day care
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	0 - 11
Total number of places	89
Number of children on roll	153
Name of registered person	Gainford Care Homes Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP909644
Date of previous inspection	8 December 2014
Telephone number	0191 3895817

Bright Star Nursery registered in 2012. The nursery employs 25 members of childcare staff. Of these, 24 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above, including 1 with early years professional status. 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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