

Berwick Rascals Day Nursery

Tweedmouth Church Hall, Church Road, Tweedmouth, BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TD15 2AN



Inspection date	24 January 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Not applicable	1
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

This provision is outstanding

- The highly ambitious manager and her inspiring staff team wholeheartedly embrace partnership working with others. For instance, they share precise information regarding children's development needs with parents and other early years providers where children attend. This helps to provide the highest level of support for children.
- The manager is inspirational. She is highly driven and provides exceptional levels of support for her excellent qualified staff team. The manager completes very regular supervisory sessions and reviews staff performance when completing practice observations. This helps her to astutely identify precise training needs.
- Teaching is remarkable. Children demonstrate extremely high levels of engagement in activities. Staff continually build on children's learning, providing rich and challenging questions that help to promote children's thinking skills.
- Children eagerly discuss the importance of following excellent hygiene practices. Staff provide children with superb opportunities to learn about healthy choices. For example, children make fruit kebabs and use props and resources regarding healthy eating during story time.
- Children have exceptionally strong opportunities to develop excellent literacy skills. For instance, they learn to recognise letters and talk about marks while exploring a very wide range of media, including foam and dough.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery manager.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the nursery manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons working on the premises.
- The inspector spoke to children and parents during the inspection.

Inspector
Emma Allison

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The remarkably knowledgeable manager and her qualified staff team demonstrate a superb understanding of local safeguarding procedures. They have implemented highly detailed recording systems and are meticulously vigilant in their approach. This helps to alert them very quickly to any possible indicators of abuse. The manager demonstrates an uncompromising drive to provide a first-rate service to children and their families. The manager completes rigorous monitoring processes and gathers the views of others that help to identify emerging gaps in practice. She intends to continue to monitor the progress made by different groups of children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff provide first-rate teaching. They build on children's natural curiosity to learn. Staff sustain children's excitement and enthusiasm to learn. For example, children used a wide range of ingredients and created bird feeders for their outside area. Children talk excitedly about the different textures and learn to count, weigh and measure as they play. This helps to promote children's mathematical skills very well. Staff complete highly detailed observations and assessments of children's learning and share this information with parents. Parents compliment the dedicated staff team on its effective communication. This helps to promote a consistent approach to children's learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's behaviour is exemplary. They demonstrate remarkable levels of confidence and self-esteem. Staff have an excellent understanding of how to promote consistent positive behaviours within the setting. They complete training regarding implementing highly effective behaviour management strategies. Staff offer superb opportunities for children to develop an understanding of the differences between themselves and others. They provide wonderfully nurturing interactions. Babies laughed and babbled as they looked at their reflection in mirrors and engaged with staff. Children benefit from a very wide range of opportunities to be physically active. They learn to find out what they can do when taking risks during play, including climbing and walking along balancing beams. Furthermore, toddlers learn to walk and climb on low-level soft-play apparatus.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make exceptional levels of progress from what they know and can already do when they first start at the setting. They are independent learners and demonstrate excellent self-care skills. Children have remarkable opportunities to investigate and make new discoveries in their play. For instance, they discovered ice in the outside area and talked to staff about different ways they could break the ice. This helps to foster children's imaginative skills. Children are exceptionally well prepared for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY541048
Local authority	Northumberland
Inspection number	10089946
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	46
Name of registered person	Berwick Rascals Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP541047
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01289 304996

Berwick Rascals Day Nursery registered in 2016. The nursery employs 10 members of childcare staff. Of these, eight hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and two hold qualifications at level 2. 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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