

# Inspection of Key Day Nursery

47-49 London Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3AJ

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Inspection date: 17 November 2021

**Overall effectiveness** **Good**

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The quality of education **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes **Good**

Personal development **Good**

Leadership and management **Good**

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection Good

## What is it like to attend this early years setting?

### The provision is good

Children leave their parents with ease and happily enter this welcoming and inclusive nursery. They are keen to join in with activities. When visitors enter the room, older children say, 'Welcome friends!', showing they are comfortable in the nursery. Young children are confident to explore the environment, knowing there is a familiar person nearby for reassurance if needed. Children form positive relationships with adults and other children. They play together and have fun, saying, 'You're a funny onion' and laughing out loud.

Children have many opportunities to practise what they have learned. Staff have high expectations of children and encourage them to solve problems for themselves. When children make their own play dough and want to make train tracks, staff ask them what they may need to do it. Together, they look at the different tools and try out which ones work the best.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parents have not been able to enter the nursery, but report that they have very good communication with the manager and their child's key person. They report that they really benefited from the family activities, such as pumpkin carving, that were held before the pandemic. Parents say staff go 'over and above' to help their children settle and support their development.

### What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- The manager reflects on practice and makes changes that benefit the children. She has changed the environment and resources since following the 'vulnerable two's' project to increase natural resources and create more specific learning areas. The manager reports that children's imaginations have flourished and that they are much more sociable with other children in their play.
- Staff know the children well and plan for what they need to learn next by using their interests. Staff are quick to identify any gaps in learning, put in place plans to help children catch up and seek outside support. Staff monitor the areas children use and encourage them to access all curriculum areas. Children receive a broad curriculum and make good progress, including those receiving funding and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Children are keen to play outside where they climb, balance and practise new skills, such as hitting a ball with a cricket bat. Older children talk about their favourite fruits and vegetables at mealtimes and are confident in their self-care skills. At times, staff complete tasks for the younger children, such as putting on their coats and aprons for them, rather than teaching them how to do it for themselves.
- Children's behaviour is very good. They play together and show that they have formed good friendships as they chat together happily. Staff help them to

negotiate in order to share and take turns, for example by using sand timers. They encourage children to think about how they can ask someone to move out of their way politely, and children remember that they could say 'please'.

- Staff repeat words and sentences back to young children correctly and provide a narrative during their play. They ask older children lots of questions and encourage them to talk about past events. Children are confident communicators and engage well in conversations.
- The manager and staff work extremely closely with other professionals who are supporting children's individual needs. They make changes to the environment and seek advice and support. They work together consistently to support children's learning and development.
- Children regularly practise developing their early writing skills. Young children use twigs, feathers and leaves and confidently talk about what they are drawing in the tray of salt, giving meaning to their marks. Older children make and use dough with various tools, strengthening their hand muscles in readiness for writing. However, staff have not had up-to-date training on how to teach children the correct letter sounds. Children do not learn these correctly in readiness for starting school.
- Children have recently learned about the Hawaiian lifestyle and culture, through dressing up, dancing to music and tasting food. They bring in photographs of their favourite places and share their unique family experiences with one another. This teaches children about the similarities and differences between themselves and others.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The manager and staff have a thorough knowledge and understanding of child protection and wider safeguarding issues. They know who to contact if concerned about a child's welfare or the behaviour of a colleague. The manager works closely with the relevant agencies to monitor and share information about children's well-being. Children learn to take appropriate risks, such as learning to use knives safely when mixing the dough. Staff check the nursery daily for any possible risks to children. Entry to the nursery is carefully monitored to help keep children safe.

## **What does the setting need to do to improve?**

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

- train staff to deliver a consistently high-quality curriculum for literacy and for any specialist programmes, such as phonics
- help staff working with the younger children to understand the importance of teaching them how to develop their self-care skills.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY404365
<b>Local authority</b>	Wiltshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10213316
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Full day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	1 to 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	61
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	42
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Ranu Ltd
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP905720
<b>Telephone number</b>	01249 653547
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	29 August 2017

## Information about this early years setting

Key Day Nursery re-registered and changed ownership in 2009 and is located in Chippenham, Wiltshire. The nursery employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, five hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery opens Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. It receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Charlotte Jenkin

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The manager and the inspector went on a learning walk, and the manager explained how the curriculum is delivered to the children.
- The manager and the inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity. The manager evaluated the activity and the impact on children's learning.
- The inspector observed the staff interacting with the children and how they support children's learning, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to parents, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The manager made some documentation available for the inspector to sample, including training certificates, suitability checks and safeguarding records.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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