

Inspection of Jack & Jills Childcare Goosewell

c/o Goosewell Primary School, Goosewell Road Plymstock, PLYMOUTH PL9 9HD

Inspection date: 11 May 2022

Overall effectiveness **Good**

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 are happy and eager to attend the nursery; they settle quickly on arrival. The well-established staff team is friendly and welcoming. The staff have a lovely and considerate relationship with the children. They have a clear vision of what they would like the children to learn, and this supports children to be ready for school. Children have access to a variety of toys and activities. They are currently learning about minibeasts and participate in a bug hunt. They find different plastic creatures in the soil and look at them using magnifying glasses.

The children enjoy access to a secure garden area at different times throughout the day. They confidently put on their wellington boots and coats to have fun playing in the rain. The outdoor area has a section for planting and staff use this to support children to learn about growing vegetables and healthy eating. Children can make choices for themselves over what they would like for lunch. However, the options could be improved to support children eating more healthier. The children are well behaved. There are clear rules within the nursery that the children are encouraged to follow. Children have strong friendships. They comfortably chat to each other and use the home corner to develop their role play.

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

- The manager and staff have a clear intent for what they want children to learn. They focus on children being ready for their next stage of going to school. The strong key-person system enables staff to know the children well. This supports staff to set next steps and ensure children make progress.
- Staff use targeted plans and resources for children undergoing assessment for special educational needs and/or disabilities, to ensure they make significant progress.
- Children learn about the natural world. For example, they have caterpillars within the setting, as the children are learning about life cycles.
- Staff provide good opportunities for children to develop an understanding of mathematical concepts. Children confidently count, compare, and use positional language while making spiders with dough.
- Staff use rich vocabulary, such as when talking about cocoons and the symmetry of butterflies, to help develop children's language and communication. However, at times, staff miss opportunities to help some quieter children to develop their language further.
- Children have opportunities for mark making and resources are constantly available to support this. Children make butterfly cards for their families and friends, discussing what messages they would like to send. This gives children a good understanding that text carries meaning.
- The behaviour of the children is good. Staff recognise children's achievements

and give praise. This gives children an opportunity to be proud of what they can do and encourages positive behaviour.

- Children learn about self-care practices and personal independence; they brush their teeth as a group. Staff encourage them to be healthy, for example, through active play and growing vegetables to learn about healthy eating. However, staff do not always encourage children to eat healthy foods, such as fresh fruit and vegetables, at snack and mealtimes.
- The parents have strong relationships with the staff and parents feel able to share information about their home life. This is particularly important as there are several military families that the setting supports. This helps staff to understand behaviours and offer appropriate support.
- Parents receive regular feedback about their children's development. The manager and staff team seek information from parents to ensure they can support the best possible outcomes for children in the setting.
- The setting has a strong partnership with the school. They use the school hall for lunch and have access to the playground and field. This supports children to feel comfortable on transitioning to the school. The setting also uses the same phonics programme to ensure continuity in their learning.
- Staff are well qualified. They have regular supervisions with the manager, where further training is considered. This supports the team to continue to develop their practice.
- Staff feel well supported and the manager ensures their workload is manageable. This results in the team genuinely enjoying their work at the setting. This shows in their positive attitude when interacting with the children.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The manager and staff have a clear understanding of how to keep children safe. All staff have knowledge of safeguarding issues, including 'Prevent' duty, female genital mutilation and what to do if they have concerns over a child. Staff are all trained in paediatric first aid. The manager ensures the building is safe and secure. The leaders follow a recruitment process to ensure staff are suitable for their roles. This includes ensuring all staff have a Disclosure and Barring Service check before they start. The manager completes an induction process to ensure new staff understand their roles and responsibilities.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- develop staff interactions so that more quieter children are supported further in their language development
- support children to make more healthy choices around mealtimes.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY449203
Local authority	Plymouth
Inspection number	10233840
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	3 to 4
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	20
Name of registered person	The Royal Naval Pre School Learning Organisation (Western Area) Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP904044
Telephone number	01752 403394
Date of previous inspection	19 September 2016

Information about this early years setting

Jack and Jill's Childcare Goosewell registered in 2012. It is located in Plymouth, Devon. The nursery is open each weekday from 9am to 3pm, term time only. There are four qualified members of staff that hold a relevant qualification at level 3 or above. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for children aged three and four years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sharon Elliott

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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The manager and the inspector went on a learning walk and discussed how the early years provision and curriculum is organised.
- The inspector observed staff teaching practice and reflected on the quality of education.
- The manager and inspector completed an observation and then evaluated the activity together.
- The inspector spoke with children to gather their views about the setting.
- The manager discussed leadership of the setting with the inspector.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gather their views of the setting.

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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