

Inspection of Little Ones at Bovey Tracey

Abbey Road, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9HZ

Inspection date: 13 October 2022

Overall effectiveness

Inadequate

The quality of education

Good

Behaviour and attitudes

Good

Personal development

Inadequate

Leadership and management

Inadequate

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is inadequate

Weaknesses in leadership and management compromise children's welfare. The nominated individual has failed to follow safeguarding procedures and notify the relevant authorities, including Ofsted, about concerns raised against a member of staff. Additionally, the nominated person has failed to check the manager's qualification to ensure it is full and relevant.

Children enjoy their time here and make new friends. They behave well and play cooperatively. Children develop their independence skills, such as preparing their own snacks. At lunchtime, children use serving spoons to help themselves to a second helping of curry.

Staff know children well and what interests them. They use this to plan activities that will help keep children engaged and make good progress in their learning and development. Babies enjoy exploring sand, feeling the texture between their fingers. Toddlers and older children explore a variety of autumnal items, such as pine cones, leaves and conkers. They talk about how they have collected these with their parents and carers and how they have brought these into the setting to explore.

All children develop a love of books. Babies snuggle up with staff to listen to stories, pointing at the pictures. Toddlers repeat single words and older children join in with repeated refrains from their favourite tales, such as 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum'. They use puppets to help retell the story, supporting their early reading skills effectively.

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

- The nominated person has not identified weaknesses in their safeguarding practice well enough and is not fully aware of how to keep children safe. She has not reported safeguarding concerns to the appropriate agencies. This has a significant potential impact on children's safety. During the recruitment process, the nominated person has not ensured that the manager holds an appropriate qualification at level 3 as required, to ensure the quality of children's care and safety. However, the manager does have suitable experience of working with children.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff provide information about what children are learning, such as current books, new words and how to support children's learning at home. Parents and grandparents state children enjoy coming to the setting and how staff provide them with verbal feedback on children's day.
- Children enjoy a good range of creative activities. They use photo frames to

'capture' pictures they have made using a variety of materials. Children observe conkers rolling through paint and the pattern these make as they slide across the paper, moving them to create a desired effect.

- Staff ensure children receive daily exercise to support their physical development. Inside, babies climb up small steps and slide down the ramp on the other side. They crawl in different directions and can pull themselves to an upright position. Outside, toddlers and older children use the climbing frame and create their own balancing equipment using wooden planks and tyres. An on-site chef provides children with hot nutritious meals, packed with vegetables and nutrients for children's growing bodies.
- Children develop good communication skills. Staff provide 'core' words for children to hear as they play. For older children, they introduce new vocabulary, such as 'poisonous'. Children link this to the 'poisonous wart' on a fictional character in a story. All children enjoy exploring a 'curiosity cube' that contains different materials. Children touch and talk about what they see and feel.
- Staff ensure that all children have access to mark-making opportunities. They have purchased 'tool belts', so toddlers and older children can carry writing tools to use in all areas of the setting, including outside. Babies enjoy exploring messy foam, strengthening their finger muscles in preparation for early writing.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

The nominated person has not followed safeguarding procedures. Although she recognises the concern regarding an allegation and took some action, she did not notify the local authority designated officer and Ofsted to ensure the protection of children's welfare. Additionally, when recruiting staff, the nominated individual does not ensure all staff hold full and relevant qualifications suitable for their role. Staff know how to recognise the possible signs and symptoms of when a child may be at risk of harm. Staff encourage children to keep safe, such as not climbing on chairs or tables to prevent them from falling.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage, the provider must:

	Due date
ensure any allegations made against staff members are reported to the local authority designated officer and Ofsted, within the required timeframe	14/10/2022
ensure the manager holds a full and relevant childcare qualification at level 3	14/10/2022

improve recruitment procedures to ensure staff are suitable for their roles and hold relevant qualifications.	14/10/2022
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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY403902
Local authority	Devon
Inspection number	10235370
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	1 to 5
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	75
Name of registered person	Little Ones Childcare Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP522094
Telephone number	01626 833255
Date of previous inspection	5 January 2017

Information about this early years setting

Little Ones at Bovey Tracey registered in 2009 and is located in the town centre of Bovey Tracey, Devon. It is part of a small privately owned chain of nurseries. The nursery opens Monday to Friday from 7.45am until 6pm, for 51 weeks a year. The nursery receives funding to provide free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 11 staff, most of whom hold qualifications between levels 3 and 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Joanne Steward

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.
- We carried out this inspection as a result of a risk assessment, following information we received about the provider.
- The inspector and the manager completed a learning walk together of all areas of the setting and discussed the early years curriculum.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they like to do at the setting.
- The inspector observed the quality of education being provided, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact that this was having on children's learning.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager on a child-led activity.
- A range of documentation was looked at, including staff suitability, their qualifications and safeguarding procedures.

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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