

Inspection of Little Tots – Peterborough Mother & Baby Nursery

H M Prison, Saville Road, PETERBOROUGH PE3 7PD

Inspection date:

20 April 2023

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The provider demonstrates a clear understanding of child protection and wider safeguarding issues. They know how to identify child protection concerns and the correct procedures to follow to keep children safe.
- The manager explains how they plan a curriculum that builds on what children already know and can do. She is clear about what she wants children to learn. Staff describe how they follow the children's interests when planning activities. They use initial assessments to ensure they know what each child needs to learn next.
- The manager explains how staff will establish close relationships with parents from the start. She discusses the importance of sharing updates with parents about their children's experiences through daily discussions.
- Staff talk about each child being unique and prioritising their individual learning. For the very young children, they create an environment rich in language. For example, the manager explains how they will encourage children to develop their speech and communication skills in the 'cosy corner' and share books or sing a favourite song.
- The provider understands the importance of providing children with fresh air and a variety of opportunities to practise their physical skills. Staff appreciate the value of providing children with a wide range of experiences to help broaden their learning. For example, staff plan trips to local community groups and visits to local shops.
- Staff explain how they offer an inclusive service and help children to learn to respect and value differences between themselves and others.
- The manager and staff team explain how they manage children's behaviour and would supervise them in an appropriate way. They know the importance of encouraging children to form strong attachments to help them feel happy and secure.
- The staff know how to support children to have a healthy lifestyle. They understand the importance of providing nutritional snacks and meals and engaging children in discussing oral health.
- Parents are happy with the service provided. They appreciate the bond their children make with the staff and the support they are given to help their children learn when they are not at nursery.
- The manager and staff team are aware of the need to keep their professional knowledge updated. They have a clear plan for future training with the local authority.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY492013
Local authority	Peterborough
Inspection number	10236707
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	13
Number of children on roll	8
Name of registered person	Sodexo Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP532565
Telephone number	01733 217500 (ext 3404)
Date of previous inspection	16 March 2017

Information about this early years setting

Little Tots Peterborough Mother and Baby Nursery was registered in 2015. The nursery employs two members of childcare staff. Both hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The manager holds a qualification at level 3. The nursery is open from 8am to 12pm and then 1.30pm to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 8am to 12pm on Thursday. The nursery is closed on Thursday afternoon and Friday for staff training and development.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lisa Topham

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 inspector talked with the provider about their understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- The provider showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The provider spoke to the inspector about children's learning and development, with a particular focus on communication and language.
- The inspector viewed a sample of key documentation on request.

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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