

Inspection of Pendle Nursery

Pendle Nursery, Fountain Street, BARNOLDSWICK, Lancashire BB18 6AQ

Inspection date: 9 August 2023

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Requires improvement

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Children are warmly welcomed as they arrive at this inclusive nursery. They happily leave their parents and eagerly explore a range of exciting activities. Children work together to scoop sand into buckets. They realise that the sand is not wet enough and go and gather water. Children take appropriate risks in their play. They swing in trees and take part in activities to learn about fire safety. Staff provide a learning environment that is engaging, and children demonstrate high levels of curiosity.

Staff have high expectations for children's behaviour and are calm and consistent in their approach. Babies gently rock teddies and carefully put them to sleep. Older children show great care and concern for living things. As they find snails outside, they carefully transport them to a safer place in the garden. Children are learning to be kind and considerate.

Children enjoy spending time with staff, and relationships are positive. Staff gently rock and sing to babies to settle them. Staff play alongside children with enthusiasm. They encourage children to share experiences from home. For example, children enjoy sharing their holiday photos with staff. Relationships are caring and respectful. This helps children to make good progress in their learning because they feel safe, secure and ready to learn.

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

- Staff gather a range of information about children before they start, supporting children to settle quickly. Staff work closely with local teachers to support children in preparation for school. They work together with agencies to create transition plans to meet the specific needs of children. Children are supported well through their transitions.
- Children explore books from a young age and books are at the heart of many of the activities planned for children. Babies snuggle up with staff and excitedly shout 'giraffe' as they see their favourite animal on the page. Staff read books with enthusiasm. Following staff reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' to the children, staff provide puppets and props and children re-enact Baby Bear's chair being broken. They talk about how he felt 'sad'. These experiences cultivate children's early love of reading.
- Staff support children's communication and language skills well. They engage children in meaningful conversation and expand on what children are saying, to build quality two-way interactions. However, at times in larger activities, children do not benefit as much. For example, on occasions, due to the group sizes, some children lose interest in the discussions that are taking place. At these times, children do not benefit from the intended curriculum.
- The special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) has a clear dedication for her

role. She takes prompt action to address any identified gaps in children's learning. She liaises well with parents, key people and outside agencies to ensure all children are receiving appropriate support with their development. As a result, children make good progress in their learning from their starting points.

- Parents have the utmost praise for the nursery. They speak highly of the support they have received for the whole family. Staff involve parents fully in their children's care and learning. Parents value the opportunities they have to discuss their children's development. Parents describe the nursery as 'fantastic' and 'welcoming'. They state that they have been 'blown away' with the progress that their children have made since they have started.
- Staff use opportunities throughout the day to support children's independence. At mealtimes, babies wipe their own faces and try hard to put on their own bibs. They show great pride when staff praise them for having a go. Older children competently use cutlery to feed themselves and to spread cheese onto crackers. They help to collect apples, plums and rhubarb from the garden to be enjoyed at mealtimes. Children develop a strong confidence in their abilities.
- Leaders are passionate about making continual improvements within the nursery. Members of the consistent staff team feel extremely supported in their roles and morale is high. Leaders provide access to a wide range of support and training for staff. However, feedback is not always specific enough to help individual staff improve their skills and knowledge further. This leads to some minor weaknesses in practice. For instance, on occasions, some staff do not consistently follow the setting's policies and procedures.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All staff are highly trained and have a good understanding of their role in protecting children. Staff have a good understanding of the potential signs of abuse and the procedures to report concerns about a child's welfare or the conduct of a colleague. Staff ask about existing injuries to help recognise any potential issues of concern. Leaders actively participate in multi-agency planning for children and families. In some cases, they take the lead in multi-agency meetings and use their excellent knowledge of the support that is available in the community to help families receive any support they need.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- review the organisation of large-group activities so that children consistently benefit from the intended curriculum
- provide staff with more sharply focused professional development opportunities to help them to improve their skills and knowledge even further.

Setting details

Unique reference number	502203
Local authority	Lancashire
Inspection number	10252454
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 11
Total number of places	115
Number of children on roll	119
Name of registered person	Mrs Hazel Nutter
Registered person unique reference number	RP518818
Telephone number	01282816920
Date of previous inspection	9 August 2022

Information about this early years setting

Pendle Nursery registered in 2003 and is situated in Barnoldswick, Lancashire. The nursery employs 25 members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds a childcare qualification at level 6, two hold a level 4 qualification, 18 hold a level 3 and three hold a level 2. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, all year round, except for one week at Christmas and two weeks in Summer. Sessions are from 7.30am to 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rebecca Weston

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the nursery.
- The manager talked to the inspector about their curriculum and what they want children to learn.
- Children and staff communicated with the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the quality of education being provided, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact that this was having on children's learning.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The manager and the inspector carried out a joint observation outside of a group activity.
- Leaders provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request, including documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.
- The SENCo spoke to the inspector about how they support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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