

Rainbow Corner Nursery School



42 Victoria Road North, Southsea, Hampshire, PO5 1PX

Inspection date 23 August 2017
Previous inspection date 17 October 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Staff evaluate the provision extremely effectively, making continuous improvements to consistently support children's learning and development. They regularly attend a wide range of training courses, including safeguarding, to keep their knowledge current.
- Staff have excellent partnerships with parents, who are extremely pleased with the progress their children make in readiness for their next stage of learning. Staff share children's progress with parents and other childcare professionals on a regular basis and talk to parents about their children's busy day at the end of each session.
- Staff interact extremely well with children. They take time to plan varied and really exciting activities that support children's interests very well. Staff include parents' views and comments when planning activities, to ensure they cater for children's individual needs.
- Staff are extremely good role models and teach children to share, take turns and be very kind, considerate and helpful to each other.
- Staff plan many interesting and exciting outings that create opportunities for children to learn about the immediate communities and cultures around them and the world in which they live.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to find ways to give all children even more outside space and opportunities to build on their excellent physical development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector reviewed the resources throughout the setting.
- The inspector interviewed parents and considered their comments.
- The inspector observed the staff's interactions with young children and discussed the learning aspects and children's progress with them.
- The inspector discussed the self-evaluation process, safeguarding and risk assessment with the manager and other members of staff.
- The inspector sampled a selection of relevant documents.

Inspector

Penelope Redwood

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Staff are extremely dedicated and committed to working with children. The management team has excellent working relationships with staff. All staff are continuously striving to improve the already excellent learning environment. They provide an exciting and challenging environment based on the children's interests and parents' comments and views. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a very good up-to-date safeguarding knowledge to ensure children are protected. They attend training courses regularly to further their continuous professional development and knowledge. For example, staff use their excellent knowledge of observation, assessment and planning to support children's learning and development. They monitor progress very effectively and efficiently and share this information with parents regularly. Parents say they are very happy with the progress their children make in all areas of learning and development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff are extremely skilful at supporting children in their play. They use mathematical language highly effectively in everyday conversations. For example, staff frequently talk about colours, shapes and numbers in the environment and encourage children to count in sequence. Children enthusiastically take part in early science activities, observing what happens when bicarbonate of soda is added to water or which items become attached to a large magnet. Children positively enjoy jumping, climbing and being physical outside. Staff are developing the outside area to create space and build further on children's excellent physical skills. Children are provided with excellent activities to support their early writing skills. For example, scribble pads and boards are strategically placed around all the rooms for children, including the very youngest babies, to access and make marks on. Staff use sign language and visual aids alongside clear speech to help support young children with communication and language development.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff really help children to settle into the nursery and they support them extremely well. They plan open days, for example, sports day, when families join them at the nursery. Staff encourage children to learn good hygiene routines, such as washing hands before eating. Children learn to stay safe, such as when climbing on equipment outside or walking in the local parks. They listen very well to the clear and concise instructions given by staff.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely independent, for example, young children feed themselves and drink from cups. Children choose independently from a variety of exciting activities and resources available. Children of all ages are extremely enthused, motivated and eager to learn, which really helps them to embark on their next stage of learning and eventually move seamlessly into school. All children make very good progress from when they start.

Setting details

Unique reference number	143530
Local authority	Portsmouth
Inspection number	1061480
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	111
Name of registered person	Rainbow Corner Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP524390
Date of previous inspection	17 October 2013
Telephone number	02392 824538

Rainbow Corner Nursery School is privately owned and registered in 1983. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm all year, with the exception of public holidays. The nursery provides free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. The nursery employs 17 staff, of whom one holds a relevant early years qualification at level 6, one holds a qualification at level 5, one holds a qualification at level 4, and 11 staff hold a level 3 qualification.

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