

Inspection of Catherington Nursery

Catherington Lane, Catherington, Waterlooville PO8 0TD

Inspection date: 24 January 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 happy and content. They settle quickly into the nursery routines and display a true sense of belonging. Children are supported to build on their understanding of playing and sharing well with others. They use impeccable manners as modelled by the caring and attentive staff team. Children are enthralled and curious learners. They immerse themselves into new learning opportunities, such as investigating a wasp nest and researching additional information, which helps them to remain excited learners. Children behave well and are able to manage their own emotions. They are building on their own self-care skills as they dress for outdoors and tackle more-complicated zips and buttons. Children delight in the social interactions and discussions they have with their peers at snack time. They are given higher levels of responsibility to build on their confidence for their future learning experiences. For example, children serve themselves snack and wash up their cups and plates when they are finished.

Children build a sense of their immediate community. For instance, they engage in discussions with the farmer as he delivers hay to the animals in the fields that surround the nursery. This helps children to build important interactive skills and learn about people who help us. Children feel valued in their own contributions as staff take time to listen intently to them as they ask questions.

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

- The leadership team has worked tirelessly towards meeting the actions and recommendations set at the last inspection. Self-evaluation is now used effectively to continuously identify areas for improvement and change. The team values the contributions and suggestions of the children, staff and parents. There have been exciting changes to the nursery environments and in how staff plan an ambitious curriculum to more fully support children's learning and development.
- Children are building important communication and language skills. They enjoy reading a variety of informative stories that build on their understanding and memory skills. For instance, children are quick to recall a story about how plastic is impacting on the oceans, sea creatures and mammals. This helps children to also build a deeper understanding of the need to protect the world they live in.
- Partnerships with parents remain a particular strength of the nursery. Parents feel a very large part of their children's successes and achievements. They are kept fully involved in planning for the next steps for children's learning, which helps children to continue to learn at home. Parents comment on the commitment of the staff team towards each and every child and how children are 'captivated' by the rich learning opportunities provided.
- Children relish the freedom of the outdoors. They have an abundance of space

to run and build on their increasing awareness of how to keep themselves safe. Staff use their deepening understanding of child development to enhance and encourage children to be creative and imaginative. For instance, children take great pleasure in completing a group treasure hunt. They carefully follow the map and problem-solve together until they are successful in finding the treasure.

- Staff carefully watch children's development to quickly identify potential gaps in their learning. This ensures that additional support is given to help each child to reach their full potential. Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and those who receive additional funding make steady progress with a targeted approach from their key person. However, leaders do not consistently share information with other professionals to further support children's care and changing requirements.
- Leaders now use an effective system for the supervision of the staff team. Staff are involved in planning for their own professional development to build on their knowledge and understanding. Recent training has helped them to build further on their awareness of how to remain highly vigilant in safeguarding children in their care.
- Staff encourage children's mathematics with lots of opportunities to count and talk about shapes as they build structures with different-sized blocks. However, staff do not fully recognise how to further support the most able children, for example by providing a wider range of resources that would help to increase their skills and help them to practise mathematical concepts in their own play.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All staff have a secure understanding of how to protect the children in their care. They are confident about how they would identify potential signs and symptoms of abuse and the procedures they would use to report concerns. This helps to protect children's welfare. Staff use good risk assessments to help keep children safe when inside the nursery and outdoors. The leadership team follows effective recruitment and induction procedures to ensure that staff working with children are suitable. Ongoing training supports staff to have the most up-to-date knowledge of additional issues, such as the 'Prevent' duty and county lines.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- strengthen information-sharing with other professionals to help to provide a more consistent approach to supporting children's care and changing requirements
- build on a wider range of resources to help the most able children to practise and increase their skills and knowledge in mathematics.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY342605
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	10226468
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	2 to 4
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	33
Name of registered person	Catherington Nursery
Registered person unique reference number	RP903570
Telephone number	02392 594697
Date of previous inspection	26 January 2022

Information about this early years setting

Catherington Nursery registered in 2007. It is situated in Catherington, in Waterlooville, Hampshire. The nursery is open from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 9am to 3pm. An early drop off is available from 8.30am. The nursery provides funded early education for three- and four-year-old children. The nursery employs seven members of staff. Of these, one has qualified teacher status, two hold early years qualifications at level 4, and two hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Gwendolyn Andrews

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 managers and the inspector had a learning walk together and discussed how the curriculum for the nursery is organised. The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector and the managers carried out a joint observation together and discussed plans for evaluating any areas identified for improvement in the nursery. The managers and the inspector discussed the actions and recommendations from the last inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including evidence of staff's suitability checks and qualifications. The inspector spoke directly to parents and also took account of their written comments.
- The inspector observed teaching and learning, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's development.

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