

Stationhouse Nursery

Stationhouse Nursery, Station Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 7BZ



Inspection date

26 October 2016

Previous inspection date

21 November 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

- The management team has improved its service since the previous inspection. Staff are extremely well motivated and, with the help of managers, successfully build on their individual expertise. This significantly contributes to children's excellent outcomes.
- Staff provide an extremely nurturing, caring environment. Children quickly gain confidence and settle easily. They develop a very strong sense of emotional well-being.
- Children, regardless of their abilities, make excellent progress, given what they know when they start. Staff provide inspirational activities which successfully motivate and support children's specific interests and individual learning.
- The management team is highly committed to making continual improvements. It focuses carefully on identifying what works well and what could be improved still further.
- Staff form extremely effective partnerships with parents, other professionals and schools. For example, staff assess children's development in close liaison with their parents. This provides for children's care and learning needs extremely well.
- Staff support children's physical well-being brilliantly. Children enjoy nutritious meals such as roast dinners and fresh vegetables grown in the garden. They benefit from exciting opportunities to exercise. They have highly positive attitudes to keeping fit and healthy.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enable children to benefit even more from their learning opportunities, particularly in group times.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's interactions in their play indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, such as operational policies, procedures and required records, including those relating to suitability.
- The inspector undertook two joint observations of activities with the manager and discussed children's learning and development.
- The inspector took into account the spoken views of parents.
- The inspector had discussions with management and staff and took account of the nursery's self-evaluation and action plans.

Inspector

Mary Daniel

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff have an excellent awareness of their responsibilities to protect children's welfare. They continually review and update policies and procedures, using these effectively to manage any concerns arising. The management team has very thorough, comprehensive recruitment systems and assesses the ongoing suitability of staff exceptionally well. Following recent training, staff have made highly effective use of play space and resources in ways that significantly support children's care and learning. For example, children enjoy snuggling up in cosy corners indoors and outdoors to develop their love of books.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff check the progress of individual and groups of children very closely. They have an exceptional understanding of each child's developmental needs and how best to support their learning. Staff successfully question children's ideas and extend their thinking. For example, older children identify that the weather is sunny and cold. Staff ask them how they can keep warm and children reply 'putting our coats on'. Children develop highly effective problem solving skills such as when lifting and carrying branches and logs together to make an outside den. Staff give a strong focus to encouraging children's early mathematical awareness. For example, toddlers eagerly count 'one, two, three' before their songs. Children carefully plant sunflower seeds and water and care for them. They measure their plants, comparing them regularly to see how tall they grow.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff welcome and value each child exceptionally well. They work extremely closely with parents and sensitively support children as they settle in and with any move between rooms. Children develop very positive attitudes to others. For example, they show great delight when they see their friends arrive and enjoy singing their 'hello' song together. However, the organisation of some group activities does not fully motivate some children to learn even more rapidly. Staff encourage children to make choices exceedingly well. For example, children choose from a young age whether to play inside or outside with their friends. They enjoy deciding to make pizzas and confidently choose toppings such as cheese, ham and tomato.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are very confident communicators. For example, babies show great excitement when they hear familiar stories and songs. They eagerly respond through movement and sound. Older children use language extremely well to express their ideas. Children are highly motivated in their play and learn exceptionally well through continual investigation and exploration. They learn how to resolve conflict and develop friendships exceptionally well. Children are fully prepared and ready for their move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY459362
Local authority	North Somerset
Inspection number	1063346
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	60
Number of children on roll	98
Name of registered person	Lakehouse Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902420
Date of previous inspection	21 November 2013
Telephone number	01275 817143

Stationhouse Nursery registered in 2013. It is one of two privately owned nurseries. It is situated in Portishead, North Somerset. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6.30pm, with a 7.30am early start depending on demand, all year round. The nursery provides free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 19 staff employed. One member of staff holds early years professional status, one has qualified teacher status, two hold degrees in childcare, one holds a qualification at level 5, one at level 4 and 12 staff hold qualifications at level 3.

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