

The Village Nursery

Village Nursery, 194-196 Lytham Road, BLACKPOOL, FY1 6EU



Inspection date

27 January 2017

Previous inspection date

19 September 2012

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager demonstrates high expectations of the staff team and provides effective systems of support and performance management. The manager knows staff well and provides targeted opportunities for professional development.
- The nursery is very well planned with good quality equipment in place, which all children can access independently. This helps support children to have a greater degree of flexibility in their play. Additionally, this approach contributes to the good progress children are making in their learning and development.
- Parents speak highly of the nursery. They comment that the manager and staff are very approachable and they frequently communicate with them.
- Staff are good role models who treat children with kindness and respect. Children display good levels of confidence and self-esteem and happily seek out staff for comfort and reassurance.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children's individual progress is monitored effectively. However, there is less emphasis on assessing different groups of children, in order to ensure that they make the best possible progress.
- Staff do not fully support children to understand how good practices with regard to hygiene can contribute to their good health.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance good monitoring systems even further to ensure that there is a greater focus on assessing the progress of different groups of children
- provide further opportunities for children to help them to understand how good practices with regard to hygiene contribute to their good health.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Stephanie Davies

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff understand their roles and responsibilities to keep children safe. Staff practice is underpinned by a range of effective policies and procedures. Ratios are adhered to at all times and effective staff deployment helps ensure that children are supported in their play and kept safe. The owner and manager are passionate about providing children and their families with the best possible experiences. The views of staff, parents and children are sought regularly and this information is used to drive improvements. Strong partnerships with other professionals help provide children with consistency in their care and learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff show they have high expectations of children, helping them to become motivated and keen learners. Children enthusiastically join in with activities that staff plan for them. For example, during a mathematics activity in foam, children delve into find shapes and delight in their success. Staff make the most of both planned and child-initiated activities to build on and extend children's language and thinking skills. Mathematical development is supported during play, for example, in the outdoor area even the youngest children are encouraged to count as they jump over tyres. Staff praise all children for their efforts giving them a real sense of achievement.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

A strong key-person system helps children to settle quickly. Children show a warm and positive relationship with staff. They happily talk to staff and show them the things they have made. Children play cooperatively together and make friends easily. They are keen to carry out small tasks, such as serving themselves their food and tidying away their plates. Staff are consistent in their approach to managing children's behaviour. They offer explanations as to why certain behaviours are not acceptable. This gives children a good understanding of appropriate behaviour and they respond well. They demonstrate their understanding as they share and take turns, for example, on the slide in the soft-play area. Children enjoy daily outdoor play in a varied environment, which helps support their physical well-being. They demonstrate a healthy attitude to risk taking in a safe way.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are happy confident learners. They make consistently good rates of progress in relation to their starting points. Children are prepared well for the next stages of their education, including their move to school. Children are keen to take on a challenge and are motivated and eager to join in. They show a willingness and persistence to have a go and keep on trying.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY369663
Local authority	Blackpool
Inspection number	1059785
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	49
Number of children on roll	49
Name of registered person	The Village Nursery (Fylde) Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP527830
Date of previous inspection	19 September 2012
Telephone number	01253 349710

The Village Nursery was registered in 2004. The nursery employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 6. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, 51 weeks a year. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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