

Strawberrys Day Care Ltd

Harmer Close, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL31 2EU



Inspection date

4 July 2016

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 manager ensures that staff are extremely effective in their support of children's communication and language development. Their innovative ideas and excellent interactions engage children extremely well. Children make significant progress from their starting points.
- Precise observation, assessment and planning procedures support staff very well to closely monitor children's progress. Staff take immediate action to target areas of learning where they identify any gaps in children's progress. They use additional funding exceptionally well to enhance children's individual support.
- Exemplary communication and partnerships with parents and others enable excellent support for children. Staff very successfully engage parents in children's learning. They encourage healthy eating exceptionally well with children and their families.
- Staff make excellent use of sensory play materials and outdoor learning opportunities with children. Their meticulous attention to detail ensures that the environment is highly enabling. Staff provide a wealth of activities that fascinate and intrigue children.
- The manager carries out rigorous self-evaluation and works with staff very closely to improve the provision. This helps them to very successfully improve resources and their teaching skills. Children thrive under the highly nurturing and stimulating staff care. They benefit greatly from significant support to their future learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- further extend the provision of home-learning resources for younger children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and parents.
- The inspector observed the staff and children in their indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector read a sample of children's development records and took account of the self-evaluation form.
- The inspector checked required documentation and viewed safety of the premises.

Inspector
Julie Wright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The manager ensures staff work extremely well together to supervise children at all times and ensure their safety. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have a thorough knowledge of the procedures that enable them to protect children's welfare. The manager supports staff very well to refresh their exemplary knowledge and enhance teaching skills through effective training and inspiration from other high-quality settings. This has led them to extend children's outdoor play opportunities further. Targeted action plans help the manager to make changes that benefit children. For example, she recognises the scope to extend the range of resources that families borrow to encourage younger children's learning at home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff support children extremely well to explore with great interest and excitement. They set out very stimulating resources that encourage children to investigate with intrigue, such as shells. Children take part in an excellent range of activities, which successfully prepares them for school. For instance, older children concentrate and contribute exceptionally well at group time and during activities that teach them the phonetical sounds of letters. Staff create an extremely vibrant atmosphere and support children with tremendous enthusiasm. For example, they wear pirate outfits and fully engage in children's learning, using questioning extremely well to help children find hidden treasure. Staff very skilfully extend learning according to children's ages and abilities. They inspire children's imaginations with highly stimulating play areas. For instance, children love pretending to camp and choose resources they need to make a tree house.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children feel immensely important in their role as 'Superstar of the Day'. They love to help and enjoy the varied responsibilities given to them. Staff very skilfully encourage speech and language throughout all activities within the nursery. For example, they use special toys and puppets with expertise to successfully engage children in conversations. At mealtimes, older children confidently compare good and bad sugars, and talk about the benefits of calcium. Babies and young children feel exceptionally secure and happy in the nursery. Children learn from a young age to be kind, considerate and have good manners. For example, young children say, 'Sit down please,' to their doll during role play.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children thoroughly enjoy their time in the nursery. They are highly enthusiastic and interested in all they do. Children make extremely good progress in their personal, social and emotional development. Young children develop exceptional confidence to explore and engage with others, and older children develop excellent independence skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY484192
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	998882
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	0 - 11
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	51
Name of registered person	Strawberry Day Care Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP907554
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01208 78093

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