

# The Truro Child Development Centre

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<b>Inspection date</b>	14 June 2016
Previous inspection date	9 June 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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

- Children receive excellent care from the well-qualified and experienced staff. Staff understand the children's individual complex needs and support their development extremely well to enable children to fully achieve given their starting points.
- Staff use excellent teaching skills that they tailor to individual children to effectively support children's communication, language and understanding.
- The excellent partnerships with parents and other professionals ensure staff fully understand children's health plans and meet their individual needs very thoroughly. Staff use very effective ways to share their excellent understanding of individual children with other practitioners, to support children as they move on to school.
- Staff use their observations and assessments very effectively to help them accurately meet children's needs. The manager monitors and tracks children's learning carefully, to identify any gaps in their learning quickly and effectively.
- Children show great excitement as they enter the centre and meet the staff. Their confidence and developing humour shows they have extremely close bonds with staff.
- Staff are extremely vigilant in providing a safe and secure environment for children. They conduct regular risk assessments to ensure resources and equipment are suitable for individual children's use.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the opportunities outdoors further for children of all abilities to access a wider range of different resources, to develop their physical skills and interests.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and staff playing inside and outside.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and children.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, including children and staff records, and some policies.

### Inspector

Sara Frost

## Inspection findings

### **Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding**

The excellent support staff offer to parents provides an extremely successful partnership in children's care and learning. The manager ensures staff's enthusiasm and teaching techniques successfully promote children's intrigue and engagement at all times. This helps staff to very successfully support children to be curious and willing to have a go. For example, children take risks, such as climbing onto resources and exploring the sand pit. Safeguarding is effective. The manager is clear of safeguarding matters. She ensures staff fully understand how to protect children from harm, and keep them safe and secure. The manager evaluates the quality of the provision thoroughly. She identifies aspects of the service to be further improved, for example, reorganising the environment to provide better access for all children. The manager very successfully supports and encourages staff training and continually seeks to drive improvement.

### **Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding**

Staff plan very effectively so that each child benefits greatly from the range of extremely stimulating activities. Staff use children's interests very well to encourage and build their concentration. For example, they strategically place favourite toys close to children and use these effectively as a means of engaging them. Staff encourage children's thinking, communication and language skills very well, so children describe and guess the items they can feel in the sound bags. Staff provide excellent support and opportunities for children to be creative. Children thoroughly enjoy using a wide range of resources that stimulate their sensory exploration as they investigate different materials and create their own artwork.

### **Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding**

The high ratio and attentiveness of staff provides children with excellent support, helping them to feel very safe and secure. Excellent procedures mean all staff are familiar with children's individual healthcare plans. These are fully in place prior to children starting, including any additional medical training staff need, to effectively cater to all children's specific needs. Staff very successfully use resources to explain to children when an activity is coming to an end. This helps to prepare children for changes in their routine and play, and effectively supports their behaviour. Children enjoy outdoor play each day. The manager recognises that some children would benefit from increased access to a wider range of different resources, to develop their physical skills and interests.

### **Outcomes for children are outstanding**

The highly successful partnership with other professionals effectively supports children as they move on to school. Children develop excellent confidence and communication skills that support them very well in their future learning. Children are very kind and caring.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY387365
<b>Local authority</b>	Cornwall
<b>Inspection number</b>	822384
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	3 - 5
<b>Total number of places</b>	12
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	30
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Cornwall Council
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP526915
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 June 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	01872 253878

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