

Birstall Rainbow Nursery

68 - 74 Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicestershire, LE4 4GF



Inspection date

25 May 2017

Previous inspection date

15 October 2013

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 management team uses self-evaluation successfully. They involve staff, parents and children as they actively plan for continuous improvement.
- Children benefit from the staff's strong partnerships with parents. Parents receive regular information about their children's learning, development and progress. They find the regular newsletter helps them to keep up to date with the nursery's activities, policies and procedures.
- Staff create a highly stimulating outdoor environment. This helps children of all ages to enjoy exceptional opportunities to develop their physical skills. For example, they eagerly climb and descend from heights while confidently assessing and managing risk themselves.
- Staff form caring and affectionate relationships with children. They are attentive and use the knowledge they have gained about children's routines and interests to help them settle quickly and begin their play and learning.
- Staff skilfully promote children's early literacy and mathematical skills.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The organisation of activities indoors does not fully support older children to develop their listening skills.
- Sometimes, staff do not organise mealtimes effectively to help children develop their social skills even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- organise indoor group activities for older children more effectively so that all children can further develop their listening skills
- organise mealtimes more effectively to develop children's social skills further.

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 manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the management team. 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

Jane Millward

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The management team has clear systems in place to monitor the quality of provision. They carry out accurate observations of staff's teaching to identify further training and support. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff implement robust procedures throughout the nursery to help keep children safe. For example, they continually assess the outdoor area for hazards and maintain strict supervision ratios on outdoor climbing equipment. The management team and staff successfully monitor children's progress and respond quickly to address any gaps in children's learning. Effective partnerships with parents, external agencies and other settings that children attend enable staff to meet children's individual learning and development needs well.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff are reflective practitioners who research and plan interesting and varied activities across all areas of learning. They provide good levels of support and challenge to ensure children meet their next steps in learning. Children thoroughly enjoy the wide range of activities staff provide and engage in their play for lengthy periods of time. For example, young children discover that they can make marks in shaving foam with various vehicles. They spend time observing and comparing the different outcomes. Older children enjoy practising their mathematical skills together. They carefully collect and count groups of objects. They compare the size of the groups and begin to add and subtract from these.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The key-person system is effective throughout the nursery. Staff work closely with parents to help children benefit from continuity in care. There is a strong sense of belonging and children confidently follow well-established routines, such as preparing for lunch and outdoor play. Children are extremely considerate of each other and have an excellent understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe as they play together outdoors. For example, as they use trays to sledge down an artificial slope they wait patiently for each other to complete their ride. They chatter excitedly and offer their friends the opportunity to ride before them. Children receive good support to develop their awareness of a healthy lifestyle. They learn how to grow their own food and enjoy nutritious meals.

Outcomes for children are good

All children develop good skills for their future learning and in preparation for school. They are confident, happy and motivated to learn. Children of all ages display a 'have a go' approach, particularly outdoors where they develop excellent physical skills. Children's early literacy and mathematical skills are developing well. Children of all ages delight in book sharing and confidently retell stories in their own words.

Setting details

Unique reference number	223193
Local authority	Leicestershire
Inspection number	1063754
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 - 4
Total number of places	62
Number of children on roll	110
Name of registered person	Birstall Rainbow Nursery Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP527910
Date of previous inspection	15 October 2013
Telephone number	0116 2671331

Birstall Rainbow Nursery registered in 1989 and is situated in Birstall, Leicestershire. The nursery employs 21 members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold childcare qualifications at level 5, 12 hold level 3 and five hold level 2. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year, from 7.30am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two- three- and four-year-old children.

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