

The Corner House Day Nursery

62 Portchester Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH8 8LA



Inspection date	22 June 2017
Previous inspection date	11 April 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 manager and staff have very high expectations of what children can achieve and plan very inspiring activities that meet all children's individual needs and interests, and prepare them extremely well for school. Staff are highly skilled at maximising children's learning and enable them to flourish. Children make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Staff have excellent partnerships with parents and other professionals to benefit children's experiences, including those who learn English as an additional language. Parents are extremely complimentary of the nursery. They explain that it provides excellent care and education for their children.
- The manager rigorously monitors assessments of children's learning. She helps staff extremely well to ensure children make rapid progress through promptly and very accurately identifying gaps in their learning. Highly exciting activities for children to use the outdoors as a classroom have helped lead to great improvements in children's communication skills.
- The views of all staff, children, parents and other external professionals are highly valued. Management very effectively uses this feedback to inform its self-evaluation process and to drive continuous improvement to an outstanding level. For example, it has identified staff training to develop further opportunities for children's mathematical exploration and language.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to find even more innovative ways to engage all parents in their children's learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and staff during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and spoke with parents, staff and children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including assessment records and planning, policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff and discussed the nursery's improvement plan.

Inspector

Rachel Cornish

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The highly knowledgeable management team leads the well-qualified and ambitious staff. Highly effective supervisory sessions fully support the staff to reflect on and build on current qualifications and experience. Identified training that staff attend is clearly having an impact on the excellent outcomes that children are making. The inspirational manager has identified that sharing their ideas from training with each other ensures they will develop their already excellent practice more consistently. The management team has recognised the opportunity to find even more ways to involve parents, so that they fully contribute to their child's learning at home and in the nursery. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager has meticulous records and policies that ensure children's safety and well-being. Staff are extremely knowledgeable about how to keep children safe and what to do should they be concerned about a child's welfare.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff superbly support children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. They are very passionate about the care and education they provide. Staff make highly comprehensive observations of children's play that very accurately inform their planning and assessments. These enable them to target each child's development and to plan highly successful activities that raise children's learning to the highest possible level. For example, older children show great curiosity, strong abilities and exceptional thinking skills as they learn to mix water with different food colouring, making new colours. They enjoy using straws to experiment and blow into the water to make 'big' and 'small' bubbles. An excellent mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities ensures children are very eager to learn.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

A well-established, highly successful key-person system and very effective settling-in procedures ensure children develop very secure bonds with staff and their peers. Children play exceptionally well together and develop strong friendships. They are extremely well motivated, confident and self-assured. Babies are especially happy and very confident to explore the stimulating environment and select resources and activities of their choice. Throughout the day, toddlers show great independence and have a strong sense of responsibility. For example, they wait patiently to wash their hands before lunchtime. Physical play in the interesting outdoor area is very exciting and challenging to all children. Children have an impressive knowledge about the importance of healthy lifestyles. All children, from the youngest to the oldest, learn strong hygiene procedures, such as brushing their teeth.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those for whom the nursery receives additional funding, make very rapid progress in readiness for school. Babies develop excellent levels of curiosity as they explore a range of materials. Toddlers very skilfully work out puzzle problems. Older children maintain very good attention and concentration during adult-led activities.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY317869
Local authority	Bournemouth
Inspection number	1077721
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	54
Number of children on roll	73
Name of registered person	Cygnets Day Nurseries (Bournemouth) Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP907078
Date of previous inspection	11 April 2013
Telephone number	01202 553108

The Corner House Day Nursery registered in 2005 and is owned by Cygnets Day Nurseries Ltd. It operates from a converted house in Bournemouth, Dorset. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am until 6pm, for 51 weeks of the year. It receives funding for the provision for free nursery education for children aged three and four years. The nursery employs 16 members of staff who work directly with the children. Of these, one member of staff holds a qualification at level 6, one at level 5, eight have qualifications at level 3, two at level 2, and one member of staff has early years professional status.

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