

Abbot House Nursery

Seasalter Christian Centre, 51 Faversham Road, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 4AX



Inspection date	3 February 2016
Previous inspection date	29 November 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	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

- The management and staff have an excellent understanding of how to safeguard and protect children. They complete thorough risk assessments and constantly supervise children to ensure that they are safe and secure at all times.
- Staff provide children with a highly stimulating environment with an excellent range of fun and interesting activities both inside and outside.
- Exceptionally secure settling-in procedures help children forge extremely close attachments to staff. Children are very confident and eager to come to nursery to interact with staff who support their well-being extensively.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. The well-qualified and experienced staff use accurate observations and assessments of children's progress highly effectively to plan challenging activities. All children make significant progress in their learning.
- Leadership is inspirational. The management and staff team show an awe-inspiring commitment and drive for continuous improvement. Their highly reflective self-evaluation procedures help them to provide excellent care and education for all children.
- Parents are fully involved in their children's learning and there are exceptional relationships between the nursery and families. Parents and staff constantly share information to support children's learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen even further the already excellent opportunities for children to develop their creativity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff interactions with children inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke to parents about their views on the service that they receive.
- The inspector spoke to the management and staff about their understanding of the learning and development and safeguarding requirements.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's records, planning, risk assessments, and safeguarding policies and procedures.

Inspector

Sara Garrity

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and all staff have an in-depth knowledge and awareness of safeguarding and the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about children in their care. The manager is exceptionally well organised and regularly monitors staff performance. She has an extremely detailed staff training plan in place and receives support from a network of other professionals, to keep her own knowledge and skills up to date. The manager meticulously monitors staff assessments of children's development, to ensure that any gaps in children's learning are quickly addressed. Staff seek advice from external agencies and work extremely closely with specialists to support all children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The dedicated and enthusiastic staff team provide children with a wealth of exciting learning experiences. They have an excellent knowledge of how children learn. Staff recognise the individual needs and interests of children, to ensure that they are all actively involved in their play. Children develop an excellent awareness of their own and others' backgrounds through discussion, stories and creative activities. However, the extensive range of art and craft materials is not always fully accessible. There are strong links with the local community. Children develop a great sense of belonging and enjoy visiting the local church to join in with 'song time'. This also helps to develop their personal, social and emotional development. Staff consistently show that they value children's conversation, for example, as they listen to children's stories. Children show high levels of involvement, asking questions continually, being inquisitive and highly motivated.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children demonstrate exemplary manners and behaviour. Staff teach the children how to manage their own feelings and develop systems to help them learn to share and take turns. For example, children make superb use of sand timers to know when it is their turn. Staff teach children about how to have a healthy diet exceptionally well. They support them to develop excellent personal hygiene routines and help them develop their independence. For instance, they encourage them to cut up their own fruit at snack time. The fantastic outside facilities enable children to practise physical skills. They are able to take small risks, for example, as they increase their climbing and balancing abilities.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children, including those with special educational needs and those for whom the nursery receives additional funding, make exceptional progress. Children have the skills needed for the next stage in their learning and eventual move to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	126951
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	825390
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	23
Number of children on roll	39
Name of provider	Abbot House Nursery Committee
Date of previous inspection	29 November 2010
Telephone number	01227 263366

Abbot House Nursery registered in 1998 and is run by a committee. The nursery operates from a bungalow next to the Christian Centre in Seasalter, near Whitstable in Kent. It is open during term time only, from 9.15am to 2.15pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9.15am to 12.15pm on a Tuesday and Thursday. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. It also receives funding for the early years pupil premium. The nursery employs nine members of staff; of whom, five hold relevant early years qualifications at level 2 or above. Three staff hold Qualified Teacher Status.

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the guidance 'Complaints procedure: raising concerns and making complaints about Ofsted', which is available from Ofsted's website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted. If you would like Ofsted to send you a copy of the guidance, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, work-based learning and skills training, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It assesses council children's services, and inspects services for looked after children, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

You may reuse this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/, write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or email: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

This publication is available at www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/120354.

Interested in our work? You can subscribe to our website for news, information and updates at www.ofsted.gov.uk/user.

Piccadilly Gate
Store St
Manchester
M1 2WD

T: 0300 123 4234
Textphone: 0161 618 8524
E: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

© Crown copyright 2015

