

Butterflies Day Nursery

Derby Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 5BH



Inspection date	28 October 2015
Previous inspection date	13 December 2011

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

- Inspirational leadership in the nursery promotes high expectations for all children and a drive for continual improvement. Staff have an enthusiastic outward-looking approach. This enables them to build on established research and practice in child learning and development, while looking for innovation and new developments to support their teaching.
- The nursery has excellent systems for self-evaluation. The information gained from all sources including children, staff and parents is used very effectively to drive continuous improvement. The impact of improvement is shared with staff and parents. Parents are very pleased to know that their views are valued through communications, such as feedback forms.
- Children make excellent progress in relation to their starting points because staff know the children very well and plan and deliver high-quality teaching.
- Children's behaviour is outstanding. Exemplary role modelling by staff enables children to develop positive relationships with each other. The language-rich environment supports children's ability to communicate their ideas, views and feelings to staff and each other.
- Staff have established an extremely effective tracking system. The system is used to identify next steps in learning for individuals and groups of children. It has been particularly effective in supporting improvements by identifying patterns of slower progress rates in some areas or with some groups of children.

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What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance children's excellent outdoor learning experience with increased opportunities for them to make decisions about the timing of their outdoor play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector met with the leadership team.
- The inspector held a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector gathered the views of parents, staff and children.
- The inspector checked the suitability of staff and their qualifications.
- The inspector reviewed a range of documentation, policies and procedures.

Inspector

Jane Millward

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Inspection findings**Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding**

The nursery has excellent systems in place for monitoring staff performance and the identification of developmental needs. External support is used exceptionally well. Staff receive excellent training to help keep children safe and develop their professional skills and knowledge. This contributes to staff offering children a safe and stimulating environment where they can make excellent progress. Arrangements for safeguarding are effective and all staff are aware of their role and responsibility to safeguard children. Staff have an up-to-date awareness of safeguarding legislation. Partnership with parents is outstanding. Parents make considerable contributions to assessment, learning and development when children enter the nursery and throughout their time there. The displays of family culture and traditions are an excellent example of this.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The Early Years Foundation Stage is delivered exceptionally well. There is a very strong focus on developing children's independence, curiosity about the world around them, and their communication and language skills. Information gained from assessment is used very effectively to analyse the progress of individual children and the progress of groups, such as boys and children with summer birthdays. Support for disabled children and those with special educational needs is outstanding and staff have excellent support from the special needs co-ordinator and external agencies. The quality of outdoor learning is excellent. Children are encouraged to explore the outdoor environment and develop an understanding of the world, although, this is at set times and not available throughout the day. Children experience a number of visits to places of interest. They benefit from excellent links with the local college and its facilities, such as the library and gym.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Exemplary standards of care throughout the nursery promote children's well-being. Health and safety procedures are very strong and are continually under review. Children feel secure and their opinions are valued by staff and other children. The key-person system is extremely effective in enabling children to settle and build good relationships with staff and children. Children enjoy the healthy snacks and meals prepared in the nursery. They are encouraged from an early age to develop independence skills; two-year-old children enjoy using safety knives to cut their own fruit at snack time.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress in their learning and development from their starting points. Children are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in nursery or school because staff work in partnership to prepare children for this. Children's development of literacy and numeracy skills is planned carefully and they demonstrate excellent progress in these areas.

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY219334
Local authority	Nottinghamshire
Inspection number	848200
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	1 - 5
Total number of places	66
Number of children on roll	66
Name of provider	The Corporation of West Nottinghamshire College
Date of previous inspection	13 December 2011
Telephone number	01623 413015

Butterflies Day Nursery opened in September 2001. It operates from a purpose-built nursery situated on the Derby Road campus of West Nottinghamshire College in Mansfield. The nursery is open each weekday from 7.30am to 5.30pm for 50 weeks a year, closing for two weeks at Christmas and all main bank holidays. The nursery employs 17 members of staff, of whom 16 are qualified to at least level 3. The setting is in receipt of funding for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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