

Greatsaurus Nursery

49 Chesswood Road, WORTHING, West Sussex BN11 2AA



Inspection date	31 July 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is good

- The management team is ambitious about the ongoing development of the nursery and improving outcomes for children. Systems for staff supervision enable managers to identify strengths in practice and areas for development, which helps to improve outcomes for children.
- Parents are very complimentary about the nursery. They comment that their children are happy and safe, and learn to treat one another with respect. Parents talk highly of the good communication between the nursery and home.
- Staff offer children a wide range of opportunities to explore and learn about different cultures and communities. For example, children help to collect items for local Harvest Festival baskets.
- Children are well prepared for the transition into school. The nursery has developed effective partnerships with local schools to support children as they prepare for the next steps in their learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff talk with children constantly as they play, they sometimes do not leave sufficient time for children to think when they have asked a question, which does not fully support children's thinking skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen children's thinking skills further and allow children more time to think about questions and give their answers.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and assessed the impact that this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the deputy nursery manager.
- The inspector spoke to the children and staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke with parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector met with the leadership team to look at a range of documentation, including policies, staff records, self-evaluation and recruitment, training and safeguarding procedures.

Inspector

Nicola Edwards

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. All staff have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities, and know how to report any concerns if a child is at risk. There are robust systems for recruitment and induction in place. Staff are offered a wide and varied range of ongoing training to develop their practice and improve outcomes for children further. Staff develop positive relationships with parents and encourage them to contribute to their children's learning and share activities from the nursery. For example, parents are able to take part in the nursery library scheme and share children's favourite books at home. The leadership team has developed effective monitoring systems to review the safety of the children continually.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide a welcoming environment and children have strong relationships with their key person. Staff know the children well. Children develop good physical skills and control of their bodies. For instance, they enjoy opportunities to explore the digging areas and mud kitchen, and they develop their hand muscles and coordination. They enjoy climbing over large apparatus, developing larger muscles and skill. Staff use children's play to explore mathematics. For example, as children complete a puzzle, staff encourage them to count the numbers of animals and look for familiar numerals on the pictures.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are encouraged to be kind, share and take turns. Staff offer a wide range of opportunities for children to explore their feelings. For instance, they encourage children to talk about which colours remind them of different feelings and to use 'feelings bags' to describe how they feel during their day. Children have a good knowledge of how to keep themselves safe. For example, they enjoy dressing as superheroes and checking that the nursery is safe. Children are offered a wide range of nutritious meals and snacks. Younger children enjoy naming the different fruits at snack time while older children enjoy serving their own meals and pouring their drinks during mealtimes.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress from their starting points and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning. Staff have a good knowledge of children's development and next steps and plan ways to help them achieve these. Older children are encouraged to develop early literacy skills and they enjoy pointing out familiar letters and numbers. The leadership team regularly checks on children's development to ensure that they are progressing well and that any gaps in learning are closing.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY535665
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	10056916
Type of provision	Full day care
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	70
Number of children on roll	53
Name of registered person	Tinysaurus Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP525949
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01903 366676

Greatsaurus Nursery registered in 2016. It is one of nine nurseries owned by the same provider. The nursery employs 15 staff, 10 of whom hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 2 or above. The nursery is open each weekday, from 8am to 6pm, all year round.

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