

Little Monkeys Charlbury

Chapmans House, Church Street, Charlbury, Oxon, OX7 3PP



Inspection date	17 August 2016
Previous inspection date	4 December 2012

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

- Management have a strong drive for achieving excellence. They lead their extremely competent and caring staff exceptionally well to ensure the very high quality of children's care and education.
- Children immensely enjoy being at nursery. They develop extremely positive attitudes to learning. They are highly confident and inquisitive about the world around them.
- Staff make extremely astute observations and assessments of children's interests, learning and development. They plan really exciting and engaging learning activities and resources that lead to children's excellent progress across their learning.
- Children develop highly competent social skills and independence. Staff support children extremely well to understand and manage their own and other children's feelings, and to play alongside each other and learn how to make and be good friends.
- Children actively seek out and enjoy staff's company. They show they feel extremely safe and secure. Staff are exceptionally responsive to children's needs. They convey visibly their immense enjoyment of being with the children. They are exceedingly interested in, and very greatly value and respect, children's views.
- Management monitors the progress that children make very closely so that they become very confident and make the best progress possible. It very quickly identifies where children would benefit from further support and put this in place very effectively.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend effective approaches to develop less experienced staff's skills in teaching children about space and measurements.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children during their play and daily routines, and staff interactions with them.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with one of the managers.
- The inspector spoke to parents, staff and children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, such as policies and children's records.
- The inspector spoke with the managers.

Inspector

Catherine Clarke

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Management evaluates its provision extremely well, identifying very focused priorities that ensure the maintenance of outstanding provision. For example, it recognises that less experienced staff's skills in teaching children about space and measurement are not as strong as those for other areas of mathematics. Management uses its extremely perceptive understanding of the strengths of its team to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is outstanding. It very actively supports staff to gain qualifications and, together with senior staff, develops staff practice extremely effectively. For example, junior staff very quickly learn excellent ways to extend children's language skills. Safeguarding is effective. Management uses its extremely strong and up-to-date knowledge of the early years foundation stage to put in place robust risk assessments, policies and procedures. These are very firmly implemented within staff practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Teaching is exceptionally well structured across the age groups so that children, including those with special educational needs or disabilities, become extremely interested and confident learners. They make outstanding progress in all areas of learning. Staff involve parents extremely well in their child's development, for example, to identify priorities for their child's next steps in learning. Staff extend children's vocabulary exceedingly skilfully as they play and during daily routines. They make exceedingly skilful decisions about how to extend children's learning most effectively.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The indoor and outdoor areas are organised and resourced exceptionally well. Children very quickly and independently find activities that catch their interest and become engrossed in their play. They confidently seek staff support. Staff are extremely vigilant and responsive to children's care and emotional needs. They work extremely closely with parents to meet children's care routines and preferences. Routines, such as mealtimes, are organised extremely well to provide opportunities to support children's independence.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their learning and starting school. Children become exceptionally confident communicators. Babies very eagerly join in with songs and rhymes, enthusiastically trying to mimic the actions. They are incredibly inquisitive about the toys they explore with staff. Children immensely enjoy sharing and reading books with staff. Children show very high levels of imagination and creativity in their play. They develop great confidence in their physical skills, such as developing control needed for writing, and enjoy being active. Children's behaviour is excellent.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY447701
Local authority	Oxfordshire
Inspection number	1059378
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 - 8
Total number of places	57
Number of children on roll	66
Name of registered person	Little Monkeys Charlbury Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP531657
Date of previous inspection	4 December 2012
Telephone number	07411222932

Little Monkeys registered in 2012. The nursery is situated in the village of Charlbury, Oxfordshire. The nursery opens each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 51 weeks of the year, excluding bank holidays. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are 21 members of staff; of whom, 14 hold appropriate early years qualifications. One of the owner/managers holds early years professional status and one member of staff holds qualified teacher status.

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