



Little Lancing

Day Nursery & Forest School



**Highlights from Ofsted Inspection
Report November 2023**

In summary

Little Lancing was visited in November 2023 by Ofsted for its first-ever full inspection. The Inspector spent the day at the nursery, speaking to the Nursery Manager in depth and spending time in each of the Little Lancing rooms, observing children and staff, and speaking with every member of staff. The Inspector also took the opportunity to engage with parents at drop-off and pick-up times to gain their views.

The overall assessment by the Inspector was that the overall effectiveness of Little Lancing is **'Good'** and that it is **'Good'** in each of the four criteria of the inspection:

- The quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Leadership and management

The provision is good

- Children are warmly greeted by kind and caring staff.
- All staff know children well, including their likes and dislikes as well as their routines.
- Staff have high expectations for children's learning and behaviour.
- Children have a clear understanding of the boundaries and what is expected of them.
- They are curious and keen learners, who are eager to explore the nursery.
- Staff help children to learn about the natural world through their regular forest school sessions.
- Staff celebrate each child's unique achievements and recognise that every child will have different needs.
- Children develop their imagination skills through play. They eagerly invite staff to join their play.
- Children develop a love of reading that is skilfully supported by staff.





What Little Lancing does well

- The passionate and dedicated manager has a clear vision for the setting and her aim is to create a home from home for all children.
- An ambitious curriculum that is unique to the children is being implemented. This supports children in making good progress from their individual starting points.
- Staff introduce children to a wide and broad vocabulary as they play.
- Children's language skills are supported well. Staff model the correct pronunciation of words and give children time to respond during conversations.
- Staff develop children's independence skills through everyday routines. This helps children to become confident in their skills and develops self-confidence and self-belief.
- Staff skilfully teach children about emotions and empathy by building on children's interests.
- Children are able to relate the feelings of characters in stories read to them to their own experiences and this helps them to label their different emotions.
- The needs of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are met well.



Safeguarding

- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.
- Staff have a good understanding of their safeguarding roles and responsibilities.
- Staff know how to raise concerns with their designated safeguarding lead and relevant local safeguarding partners.
- The manager has a clear understanding of safe recruitment practices, ensuring staff suitability to work with children through completing relevant checks.

Staff

- Staff feel very well supported by the management team.
- Supervision meetings are helpful and aimed at supporting staff well-being.
- Staff are able to share their thoughts and ideas with management team.

Parents

- Parents highly praise the provision.
- They comment on good levels of communication with staff.
- Staff provide ideas for home learning which supports the children's ongoing learning and further develops the partnerships between parents and staff.

How to improve further the quality of early years provision

- Build on staff's understanding of the curriculum aims to ensure consistency in expectations for all children's overall learning and development.
- Ensure that staff consistently teach children good hygiene practices.



“ I am proud of all we have achieved at Little Lancing and the outcome of our Ofsted Inspection demonstrates the strength of our nursery relationships, between each other, with parents and families, and most importantly of all with the children in our care. ”

Jovita Opio
Nursery Manager

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