

# Privett Montessori Nursery

Privett Village Hall, Hemplands Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3NU



<b>Inspection date</b>	19 October 2015
Previous inspection date	3 June 2015

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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

- Since the last inspection, the manager has quickly taken action to successfully meet all requirements.
- Children make rapid progress in relation to their starting points and are exceptionally well prepared for their future and starting school.
- The nursery manager works exceptionally well with staff and in partnership with parents to constantly monitor and promote children's learning and development.
- Children are extremely well behaved, polite and cooperative, and show high levels of independence and concentration during their play.
- Children are provided with excellent individual support from staff and a calm environment that effectively promotes their ability to persist and use resources successfully.
- Children develop excellent social skills. They are exceptionally confident and are respectful towards each other and staff. Staff are very positive role models.
- The nursery manager provides staff with an exceptionally positive role model that successfully influences the high quality of children's care and learning.
- Self-evaluation is outstanding. The manager constantly seeks, evaluates and acts on the views of parents, staff and children to drive continuous improvement.

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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:

- review the opportunities available to children to further strengthen their awareness of differences in society.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the indoor and outdoor play areas.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector talked with staff, children and the manager at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, planning documentation and checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff working with children, the provider's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.
- The inspector took account of parents' views spoken to on the day of the inspection and from documentation.

### Inspector

Catherine Greenwood

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

Safeguarding is effective. All staff are extremely aware of their responsibilities to protect children and keep them safe. Since the last inspection, all staff suitability checks have been completed. The nursery manager has an exceptional knowledge and understanding of her role and responsibilities. All staff have recently completed training that has significantly enhanced their assessment of children's progress. They have developed an extremely consistent approach to recording children's ongoing development. Staff professional development is fully promoted and all staff have appropriate childcare qualifications. The manager supervises staff effectively and has excellent procedures to help staff continually extend their skills and knowledge. This helps to maintain the excellent quality of teaching.

**Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding**

Staff skilfully use their excellent knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage to plan for each child's needs. Staff successfully sustain children's interest and attention during story times. They encourage children to say what they know and understand, to listen to others and take turns to talk. Children develop exceptional hand-to-eye coordination. Topics are often related to the seasons and celebrations in the wider world. For example, children enjoy picking blackberries and using the juice to make marks, which successfully develops their pre-writing skills. Children develop an excellent understanding of the world. They are currently learning about hedgehogs and hibernation. They put leftover food into a composter and use it to fertilise the soil for the fruit and vegetables they grow outdoors.

**Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding**

Staff treat children with great respect and give them responsibility to help others. Children develop close friendships and excellent social skills. They talk together and are exceptionally good at sharing the resources. Children often choose to repeat activities and develop a great sense of achievement. Staff guide them to use the resources successfully and constantly recognise and praise children's efforts. Children play energetically in the nursery garden which promotes their excellent physical well-being. Staff challenge children's physical abilities; for example, they help them learn to climb low-level trees in the garden safely. New children quickly settle and feel secure, and all children are extremely happy to attend the nursery. Occasionally, staff do not always make the most of all opportunities to fully extend children's awareness of diversity.

**Outcomes for children are outstanding**

Children make consistently high rates of progress in relation to their starting points. Any gaps in their learning and development are rapidly and successfully reduced. Children consistently demonstrate the characteristics of effective learning.

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**Setting details**

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY264559
<b>Local authority</b>	Hampshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	1017356
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	2 - 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	26
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	28
<b>Name of provider</b>	Katherine Pritchard
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	3 June 2015
<b>Telephone number</b>	01730 828405

Privett Montessori Nursery registered in 2003. It is located in the village of Privett, in Hampshire. The nursery is open Monday to Friday, during term time only, from 8.45am until 2.45pm on Monday to Thursday, and 8.45am until 1.15pm on Friday. The setting is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years old. There are four staff who work at the setting; all hold relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 and above. One member of staff has Qualified Teacher Status.

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