The inspector highlighted two reasons that we are “not yet outstanding” overall.

*“At times, staff do not make the best use of the exciting range of activities and experiences they provide to develop children's ideas and challenge their thinking skills even further to take their learning to a higher level.”*

**OUR RESPONSE:**

We are pleased that the inspector highlighted the exciting range of activities and experiences that we provide for your children. We will work together as a staff to develop our skills to ensure that all children are challenged to progress their thinking and learning even further.

*“Although monitoring of staff practice is effective overall, staff's teaching skills are not given enough focus at times to help raise the quality of teaching to the highest standards possible to ensure children reach their maximum potential.”*

**OUR RESPONSE:**

We are pleased that the inspector felt that our monitoring of staff practice is effective overall. We discussed our current plans to further develop peer observation with the inspector. She felt that these plans would help to ensure we shared good practice amongst our staff and continue to further develop our skills as early years educators.



Ofsted report October 2018

As you know, we recently had an Ofsted inspection. The report is overwhelmingly positive and celebrates the high quality teaching and learning that takes place at Beech Green Nursery.

These are the overall grades from our inspection.

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| Effectiveness of the leadership and management | 2  GOOD |
| Quality of teaching, learning and assessment | 2  GOOD |
| **Personal development, behaviour and welfare** | **1**  **OUTSTANDING** |
| Outcomes for children | 2  GOOD |

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We are delighted that the inspector recognised the extremely high levels of care we provide for your children in respect of their personal and social development. She commented on the high priority we place on the well-being of both children and their wider family. **We are delighted that the inspector felt that our provision for personal development, behaviour and welfare was OUTSTANDING.**

There are copies of the report in the entrance lobby. Please help yourself to a copy, if you would like one. Thank you for your continued support in making Beech Green Nursery a happy and fun place for your children to develop and grow.

Beech Green Nursery

Highlights from our report.

**Children thrive in this extremely caring environment.**

**Children's behaviour is excellent.**

**The nursery team works closely together led by the passionate and dedicated nursery leader.**

**Safeguarding is effective. It is at the heart of everything staff do.**

**The committee supports the staff team very well and demonstrates a strong desire for them to achieve the best possible outcomes for children.**

**Experienced staff ensure observation, planning and assessment arrangements are effective, enabling all children to make good progress in their learning and development, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.**

**Staff support children's communication and language skills well.**

**Parents are extremely complimentary about the nursery and the warm and friendly staff.**

**Staff teach children to be imaginative in their play.**

**Parents say they appreciate the frequent, informal updates about their children, including online assessment information, which enables them to help extend their children's learning at home.**

**Staff support children exceptionally well to develop an understanding of the importance of physical exercise and a healthy diet, and to manage their own hygiene and personal needs.**

**Children develop confidence and acquire skills that prepare them well for the next stage in their learning and their eventual move to school.**

**Staff set consistent expectations for behaviour which helps prepare children very well for school.**

**If there are concerns about a child's welfare, management closely follow clear procedures to ensure they protect children from harm.**

**Staff complete regular training and are very knowledgeable about how to protect children and keep them safe.**

**Staff place high importance on their role as key person to support children and their families.**

**Children take managed risks, indoors and outdoors, learning to play safely.**

**The nursery leader uses effective monitoring processes to track children's progress and quickly target any gaps in their learning.**

**Very close relationships with the host school help chidlren to experience continuity.**