



# Quality Child Care



CAYMAN ISLANDS  
GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY INSPECTION REPORT | SEPTEMBER 2019



### **Excellent**

exceptionally high quality of performance or practice.



### **Good**

the expected level for every school in The Cayman Islands, both public and private.



### **Satisfactory**

the minimum level of quality required for The Cayman Islands. All key aspects of performance and practice in every school should meet or exceed this level.



### **Weak**

quality not yet at the level acceptable for schools in The Cayman Islands. Schools will be expected to take urgent measures to improve the quality of any aspect of their performance or practice that is judged at this level.

## **ABOUT OUR INSPECTIONS**



The inspection framework is organised around judgments using a four-point scale. The four levels on the scale are defined below.

## **ABOUT DISCOVERY KIDS**

**Address:** 247 Powell Smith Road, West Bay

**Contact Number:** 345-949-2415

**Name of the Head Teacher:** Ms. Sandra Duncan-Roach

**Number of children on roll:** 44

**Number of teaching staff:** 6

**Number of support staff:** 2

**Age range of students:** 12m - 48m

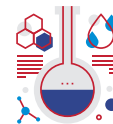
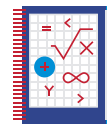
**Date of last inspection:** June 2013

**Date of this inspection:** 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Number of stakeholder survey responses received from parents:** 18

**Staff:** 6

# INSPECTION JUDGEMENTS



Overall, I am satisfied  
with the quality of  
education provided  
at this centre



(strongly agree/ agree):

PARENTS

86%

STAFF

100%

## Students' attainment in relation to international standards

### Exploration

Movement	SATISFACTORY	😊
Sensory	SATISFACTORY	😊
Scientific	WEAK	😞
Mathematical	WEAK	😞
Technological	WEAK	😞

### Respect

Self	WEAK	😞
Others	WEAK	😞
Environment	WEAK	😞
Culture	WEAK	😞
Religion	SATISFACTORY	😊

### Well-being

Health	SATISFACTORY	😊
Emotional	WEAK	😞
Social	WEAK	😞
Reflections	WEAK	😞

### Communication

Verbal and symbolic	WEAK	😞
Listening	WEAK	😞
Creative expressions	WEAK	😞
Literacy	WEAK	😞

## Ensuring effective teaching to support children's learning

Teaching	WEAK	😞
Learning	WEAK	😞
Assessment	WEAK	😞

## Keeping our children safe and always supported

### Health and safety



WEAK

### Support and guidance



WEAK

## Offering a curriculum that meets the educational needs of all children

WEAK 😞

## Leading and managing the school and developing links with the community

### Leadership



WEAK

### Self-evaluation and improvement planning



WEAK

### Links with parents and the community



SATISFACTORY

### Staff and the learning environment



WEAK

## OVERALL



WEAK

# KEY STRENGTHS OF QUALITY CHILD CARE

Inspectors identified the following strengths in provision;

- Quality Child Care has a very positive Christian ethos and all children and staff participate in regular opportunities for religious observance;
- Staff are caring and attentive to the children's varying emotional needs and their well-being.



# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE

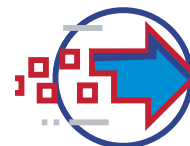
Inspectors identified the following as areas requiring improvement;

- Improve children's knowledge, skills and understanding in the four areas of learning, as identified in this report;
- Improve the quality of teaching through the introduction of:
  - more effective and age-appropriate classroom management strategies;
  - a better balance between teacher-led and child-initiated learning experiences.
- Review class timetables and the delivery of the curriculum to maximise opportunities for children's practical and active learning;
- Meet the regulatory requirements of the Cayman Islands Fire Service and the Department of Environmental Health and improve arrangements to secure the health and safety of staff and children at the centre;
- Introduce more robust and comprehensive arrangements for self-evaluation and improvement planning including, for example, more regular reviews of staff performance;
- Address the current staffing shortfall to ensure that all classes have appointed suitably qualified, knowledgeable and experienced staff, as required by the Cayman Islands Education Council.



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As the Office of Education Standards has judged the overall performance of Quality Child Care to be weak, there will be a follow-through inspection of the centre within six months of the publication of this report. Quality Child Care will continue to be inspected on a regular basis until all aspects of performance are judged to be at least satisfactory.



**To read the full Inspection Report for Quality Child Care,**

**VISIT: <http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12862542.PDF>**