

# Beeches Day Nursery

The Beeches, St Anns Road, PRESTWICH, Manchester, M25 9LD

## Inspection date

13/06/2014

Previous inspection date

02/03/2009

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

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## The quality and standards of the early years provision

### This provision is good

- Staff have high expectations for children and a good awareness of how young children learn. As a result, children make good progress in relation to their starting points.
- Children feel happy and secure in the nursery and have good relationships with their peers and staff. This supports their emotional and physical well-being.
- The management team is strong and provides well-targeted plans for the future development of the nursery. Staff's professional development is enhanced by effective support systems.
- Children benefit from the successful partnership between staff and parents, ensuring key information is shared between them. This enhances the continuity of care for children.

### It is not yet outstanding because

- On occasions, staff do not consistently support children to try and do things for themselves, which means their independence is not promoted to the maximum.
- There is scope to improve children's free movement between the indoor and outdoor areas in all weathers, so that they can choose where they want to carry out their activities, to enhance their all-round development.

## Information about this inspection

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- scheduled at least once in every inspection cycle – the current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
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- prioritised where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

## Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the nursery.
- The inspector observed activities and spoke to children and staff.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the co-manager.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager of the provision and looked at and discussed a range of policies, procedures and documentation.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and planning documentation.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff working with children, the provider's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.

## Inspector

Emma Barrow

## Full report

### Information about the setting

Beeches Day Nursery opened in 2005 and is privately owned. It operates from a large Victorian property in Prestwich. The nursery serves the immediate locality and also the surrounding areas. The nursery opens five days a week, from 7.45am until 6pm, all year round except on bank holidays and for a week at Christmas. Children attend for a variety of sessions. Children are cared for in three playrooms on the ground floor and have access to an enclosed outdoor play area. There are currently 60 children in the early years age range. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. There are currently 11 staff working directly with the children, seven of whom have an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The nursery receives support from the local authority. The nursery is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

### What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use every opportunity to support children's developing independence, for example, by encouraging all children to put their own coats on or using snack time to further promote independence
- give as much opportunity as possible for children to move freely between indoors and outdoors, so that they can access the outdoors in all weathers, to help their all-round development and improve their choice of where they carry out their chosen activity.

## Inspection judgements

### How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend

Children are making good progress at this nursery. They are happy and comfortable in their surroundings and engage quickly with the toy or activity of their choice. Staff are secure in their knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They provide an array of stimulating and exciting activities that challenge children's individual needs. They find out from parents information about children's preferences and what they are capable of doing before they start the nursery. They use this effectively to inform their starting points and to ensure the key persons know children before they start. As a result, key persons can plan activities that are of interest to children from the beginning. Consequently, they settle into nursery life quickly. Staff understand well that children learn through play and they continue to teach, observe and assess children while they play. They effectively use all the information they gather to identify children's next steps in their learning and to inform their future activities. All staff

are knowledgeable and understand the prime and specific areas of learning and provide many stimulating activities, which enthuse and engage children well to promote their learning. The activities motivate and interest children and provide opportunities for them to be positively ready for their next stage of learning and help them to enjoy their learning and time at the nursery.

Staff interact positively with children and are committed to their learning. Children are engaged and show curiosity and staff promote and enhance learning through play with positive attitudes. The baby room is relaxing and calm and staff tune into babies' needs sensitively because they know babies well. Staff are constantly talking to babies and efficiently acknowledge the sounds and gestures they make to help communication skills. Babies are confident in their surroundings and make choices with support from staff that arouse their curiosity. They smile and giggle as staff praise their efforts, this builds their self-esteem. Babies' physical skills are developing well, as they use a selection of toys that require pressing buttons. They enjoy using these cause and effect toys as they press buttons and watch lights flash and make sounds. This fascinates them and they repeat the activity, showing they are learning about how things work. Staff are very supportive and encourage children well at this. Pre-school children enjoy using the construction toys and build caves for their dinosaurs. Staff extend this activity well by encouraging children to use different materials for the caves. Staff are constantly talking with children and encouraging them to count and recognise numbers. This helps their early mathematical skills. Children use their handling skills skilfully, as they use a wide range of tools, such as chalks, crayons, paintbrushes and scissors. These are used daily to create pictures, which are displayed well, demonstrating many different art and craft activities, for example, chalk rubbing, collages and free paintings. Toddlers thoroughly enjoy being outside. They run around and learn how to balance and climb as they use the nursery equipment. They sit on and ride toys efficiently negotiating the obstacles. Staff have created a wonderful outside environment that incorporates all of the seven areas of learning. However, there is scope for improvement to allow children more free access to the area to extend their all-round development and have choice as to where they carry out their activities.

Staff foster older children's communication and language skills well. They constantly talk to children and pre-school children hold purposeful conversations. Children enjoy playing with the role-play toys to express their creativity and imagination. Here, they dress up and pretend to make tea and wash up the dishes. Children enthusiastically talk with confidence to each other and staff while they play. They explain what they are doing clearly. For example, while playing with a toy kettle they explain to the inspector how to press the switch on to make it work, demonstrating they are critically thinking about what they say and do. Children love using the book area, which is comfortable and attractive. They sit with staff listening to stories and use the books independently. They turn pages correctly and discuss the pictures on the page. This helps children to understand that books bring pleasure. There are good selections of books that are easily accessible to children. Children are beginning early writing skills as they are learning how to form letters and how to write their names on their artwork. These help their early literacy skills well. Children show an enthusiasm for curiosity and are willing to try for themselves. They are well-motivated and solve problems. For example, they learn how to put the computer on and demonstrate how they drag pictures to match symbols together in the matching game, showing good information, communication and technology skills. Parents are involved in

their children's learning from the start. They are invited to look at children's detailed learning journal records and receive regular reviews that highlight children's achievements and next steps in their learning. Staff also talk to parents on a daily basis and discuss what children have been doing. This helps parents to have an idea of what their children are currently learning. As a result, they can help them at home if they wish. To further involve parents in their children's learning, staff make suggestions of things they can do at home.

### **The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children**

Staff greet children warmly on arrival. Children separate from their parents confidently and settle quickly with sensitive support from staff. Older children confidently select their name for self-registration then settle quickly to their chosen activity, chatting happily to their friends. This supports them in developing trusting relationships. All children have a key person who supports them in their learning and care to meet their individual needs. Children and parents have strong links with their key person and develop confidence and trust due to the highly effective settling-in process. This allows parents to accompany their children for as long as it takes to settle them. During this time the key person gathers information about children's starting points, backgrounds, skills and interests, which helps them provide for children's needs. Staff foster children's emotional development well, as they are supported with moves to help them with life changes, such as school. This is because the pre-school liaises with local groups and schools to promote smooth moves. Staff have high expectations of children and are aware of their capabilities. Their individual personalities, likes and dislikes are acknowledged and valued. This builds children's self-esteem and confidence well. As a result, children make good progress in their personal, social and emotional development. Children behave well and show good care and consideration for one another. Staff are good role models and help children manage their feelings and behaviour. They encourage children to talk about their own and others' behaviour, the consequences of their actions and when behaviour is unacceptable. This helps children feel safe in the nursery. Children are happy and behave well as they share resources and learn to play cooperatively.

Children are accommodated in a clean, comfortable environment that is secure and well-maintained. Staff and management put a lot of effort into the presentation of their rooms. As a result, the rooms are attractive and cheerful. Children have access to a broad selection of high quality resources and toys, which are well-maintained and cover all areas of learning both inside and outdoors. However, the outside environment is not used as effectively as inside. Babies and young children have dedicated quiet and sleep areas, which are clean and comfortable for when they wish to sleep or rest. Staff are deployed efficiently throughout the nursery to encourage and support children's learning and emotional needs effectively. The nursery provides a range of fresh, healthy meals and snacks, such as fresh fruit, which meets children's individual dietary requirements. Staff ensure that mealtimes are a social occasion, where children chat to each other and with staff. Older children attend to their self care well, as they use the toilet independently and wash their hands before they have food. They have good opportunities to develop their independence skills as, for example, they use appropriate cutlery. However, children do not always have enough opportunities to support their growing independence. For

example, on some occasions staff spread cheese on the crackers and attend to children's care needs before considering whether they can do these things for themselves. This means that their independence is not maximised.

Children develop clear understanding of hygiene as they follow effective routines and learn about self-help skills, such as hand washing. Staff liaise with parents to ensure children's dietary needs are met and they reflect children's favourite foods and changing tastes in the menu. Children are encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles because staff plan daily activities that promote healthy eating, drinking and regular exercise. In addition, staff talk to children about the importance of looking after their teeth. Staff monitor children's health and development and all required records to support children's well-being are in place. Staff motivate children's involvement in activities by adjusting the layout of play areas to take account of children's interests. Staff are very safety conscious and take positive steps to identify hazards and minimise risks to ensure the nursery is secure and safe, both inside and out. Children learn how to keep themselves and others safe with the support of staff and develop an appropriate understanding of safety through daily routines. For example, they know the nursery rules and are encouraged to tidy after themselves. They participate in regular fire drills and staff use these occasions to discuss why certain routines are followed in order to fully support children's understanding of how to keep safe.

### **The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision**

Leadership is good. The management team have high expectations for the quality of care and learning that is offered to children and families. All documentation and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that all the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are met. The premises are secure throughout the nursery, so no unauthorised person is able to gain access and children cannot leave unattended. Children are effectively safeguarded at the nursery. All staff have undertaken safeguarding training. They have a thorough understanding of the procedure that they would follow, if they had any concerns about children or behaviour of members of staff. This shows that staff are vigilant and not fearful of reporting any concerns that they may have, knowing that the concerns will be dealt with effectively by the management team. Robust recruitment processes are in place, which enable management to be sure that any adults appointed are suitable. Risk assessments of the premises and outings, completion of regular fire drills and qualified first aiders means that children's well-being is carefully considered by staff. Staff are made aware of the policies and procedures of the nursery as part of their induction and they spend time revisiting them to promote their ongoing understanding of them.

Management effectively monitors the planning and assessment of the educational programme and children's progress. This enables them to have an overview of the activities, an accurate understanding of children's abilities and the range of activities that staff offer children. Staff are supported by a clear induction process. All staff receive an annual appraisal, which is supported by one-to-one supervision sessions, along with

observations undertaken by the management team of staff practice. This enables management to plan effectively for the training and professional development of the whole staff team. Staff receive further support through regular staff meetings, enabling them to reflect upon practice and contribute to the future development of the nursery. The nursery has a positive approach to self-evaluation. Parents contribute to the self-evaluation process through parental questionnaires. This enables management to consider any comments and suggestions that parents may have, to influence their continual improvement plan. Management set staff action plans for continued development and ongoing training to maintain a skilled workforce. They are 'hands on' in the nursery and regularly observe and review the work of staff. This forms part of the nursery's evaluation procedures. The management and staff evaluate all aspects of the nursery and strengths and weaknesses are identified. Action and development plans are created and are used to develop the nursery further, for example, all staff have recently undertaken training to help them support and develop children's language abilities and skills. Staff's professional development is further encouraged as they are supported to undertake further qualifications in childcare, to improve the outcomes for children.

The nursery staff have good relationships with other agencies that are involved with children. They share information about children to support their development and continuity of care. They work closely with other agencies to ensure that the child's needs are being well-promoted. There are good systems in place for the transfer of information between the nursery and parents or carers. Children receive support as they move to primary schools and teachers make visits to the nursery from the local schools. This enables the key person to discuss learning and development and any special educational needs. Parents feel welcomed and confident about the care of their children. They exchange information with staff at the beginning and end of the day. Parents state they are very happy with the nursery; they can see the progress their children are making and their children enjoy coming here. Staff form positive relationships with parents. Parents receive a wealth of information about the nursery. Numerous information boards and ongoing discussions with staff keep parents informed as to the operations and events of the nursery. This helps to strengthen the relationships with children's families and helps their confidence and learning over time.

### **The Childcare Register**

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are

**Met**

The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are

**Met**

## What inspection judgements mean

### Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 3	Requires improvement	The provision is not giving children a good standard of early years education and/or there are minor breaches of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected within twelve months of the date of this inspection.
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## Setting details

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<b>Number of children on roll</b>	60
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