

# The Kinsbourne Common Nursery and PreSchool

9th Harpenden Scout Hut, Luton Road, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire, AL5 3QE

## Inspection date

24/09/2014

Previous inspection date

Not Applicable

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

**This inspection:**

Met

Previous inspection:

Not Applicable

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

### The provision meets requirements

- The provider has a good understanding the different teaching methods the team can use to support children's learning and progress. They plan a wide ranging programme to inspire and engage children. They plan for using the local environment to support children's interest in the natural world.
- The provider understands how to plan for individual children's needs. Observations and assessments are precise and used effectively to plan for children's next steps in learning. For example, activities planned to promote children's creativity and encourage them to use their communication and language skills in their play.
- The provider recognises that children need to feel confident about the move to school. Consequently, the team incorporate play experiences in the plans that help children to learn about school life and to develop their sense of well-being and independence skills.
- The provider uses a selection of methods to engage and involve parents in children's learning and care. The setting has a website with information and the provider sends regular emails to parents about all aspects of the nursery. This enables parents to be full participants in supporting learning at home, and this aids children's progress towards the early learning goals.
- The provider has a very good understanding of how to keep children safe in the setting. The regularly reviewed, robust policies are shared with all staff and the manager ensures they are implemented to protect children and underpin the work of the staff team.

## **Information about this inspection**

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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.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector discussed how the provider meets the learning and development requirements when providing care for children, and looked at documents related to the planning and delivery of the educational programmes.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager, who is the early years professional of the provision.
- The inspector looked at children's observation, assessment and individual planning documentation, and a range of policies including the safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff working with children, and discussed the provider's self-evaluation systems and improvement plans.

## **Inspector**

Alison Reeves

## **Full report**

### **Information about the setting**

The Kinsbourne Common Nursery and PreSchool was registered in 2012 and is on the Early Years Register. It is situated in the 9th Harpenden Scout Hut in the Kinsbourne Common area of Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The nursery serves the local area and is accessible to all children. It operates from the main hall and there is an area available for outdoor play. The nursery employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and 6, including the manager with Early Years Professional Status. The nursery opens on Tuesday during term time. Sessions are from 9.15am until 12.15pm. There are currently 42 children on role, all of whom are in the early years age group. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. It supports a small number of children who speak English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. At the time of the inspection there were no children present. Children also attend the adjacent Kinsbourne Common Nursery and Pre-School at St Mary's Church that is owned and managed by the same provider.

## 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. We re-inspect nurseries and pre-schools judged as requires improvement within 12 months of the date of inspection.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement action. The provision is failing to give children an acceptable standard of early years education and/or is not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected again within six months of the date of this inspection.
Met		There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not met		There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The inspection judgement is that the provider does not meet the requirements for registration.

## Inspection

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## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY447593
<b>Local authority</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	899222
<b>Type of provision</b>	
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 5
<b>Total number of places</b>	30
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	42
<b>Name of provider</b>	Deborah Campbell and Anna Gay Partnership
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	not applicable
<b>Telephone number</b>	01582 767916

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and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

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