

Playaway Nursery (BCC) Limited



Becontree Children's Centre, Stevens Road, Becontree, Essex, RM8 2QR

Inspection date	21 January 2015
Previous inspection date	6 February 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff have a good understanding of their responsibilities to safeguard children. Therefore, they support children's health, safety and wellbeing effectively.
- Staff use details about children's starting points, strengths and abilities to further support their learning. This means staff meet children's individual learning needs well.
- Staff have good relationships with children through the effective key-person system. This fully supports children's emotional development.
- Staff create a rich learning environment for children, both inside and out. Therefore, children are motivated, eager to explore and develop a thirst for learning.
- The management identify weaknesses in practice and use this information to make further improvements and enhance the outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not fully support the older children to learn independent skills at meal times.
- The role play areas and associated resources do not always enable children to fully extend their creative skills.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance children's creativity by improving the role play environment and resources
- develop older children independence skills further during meals times.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning, both inside and out.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery manager and director and looked at relevant documentation, such as the nursery's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

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Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

Staff provide a good range of activities to promote children's learning and development. They use a wide variety of natural resources along with real equipment. For example, younger children used lentils to explore and develop their senses. The learning environment is rich, enabling children to make choices and work independently. However, staff do not fully use the role play space effectively. As a result, the older children miss opportunities for imaginative play, to support their intellectual and creative skills further. Staff have good relationships with children and parents from the start. During this time, they discuss children's routines and starting points, enabling staff to settle with ease. Staff know the children well and actively use their observations of children's learning to plan future activities that extend their learning. As a result, the planning meets children's individual learning needs and interests and prepares them well for the next stage in their development.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

Staff give careful attention to children's good health and well-being. They promote healthy eating through the provision of various fruits and vegetables throughout the day. Staff use meal times for group discussions and to develop children's understanding of the benefits of healthy eating. Children are encouraged to wash their hands before and after meal times. As a result, children's understanding of the importance of good hygiene is developing. However, staff do not consistently provide older children with opportunities to serve themselves at meal times, to further support their independence. Children make good use of the outside play area, enabling them to gain plenty of fresh air and exercise as they go outside in all weather. Key persons effectively meet the care needs of the children in their key group along with monitoring their progress. This enables them to develop attachments that help them feel safe and secure in their learning environment.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

Leadership and management is strong and they implement the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage effectively. Staff know and implement the settings safeguarding procedures well. All staff receive safeguarding training, which helps them to promote children's welfare effectively. Robust recruitment and vetting procedures help ensure adults working with the children are suitable to do so. Leaders monitor and supervise staff closely and any quickly recognise development points and target effective training and support. Close links with in house and external agencies enable staff to share information to provide continuity of care for children. Parents and carers express positive comments about the nursery and staff. They acknowledge how staff provide stimulating environment for their children and they are confident that their children enjoy coming.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY435555
Local authority	Barking & Dagenham
Inspection number	824085
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	62
Name of provider	Playaway Nursery Ltd
Date of previous inspection	6 February 2012
Telephone number	02087241839

Playaway (BCC) Limited is one of three privately owned day nurseries. It opened in 2011 and operates from Becontree Children's Centre. The nursery is in Dagenham in the London borough of Barking and Dagenham. The nursery serves the local community and is open each weekday between 8am and 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are twelve members of staff, all of whom hold early years qualifications to level 2 and 3. In addition, three holds early years professional status. The nursery is registered on the Early Years Register. The nursery receives for the provision of free early education funding for three- and four-year-olds.

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