

Carol Jane Montessori Nursery

80 The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 8JF



Inspection date	28 January 2015
Previous inspection date	5 May 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The quality of teaching is exceptional. Staff fully engage children in highly stimulating activities and present them with exciting challenges throughout the day.
- Staff use the inspiring facilities and equipment to a high standard and children have a very wide variety of environments to explore.
- The provider's vision is inspirational, which leads to exceptional experiences for learning and development allowing children to make very good progress.
- The provider is introducing an innovative programme to develop strong links with schools and local settings to support children during times of transitions.
- The setting has a highly effective partnership with parents to provide exceptional support and consistency for the children.
- Children enjoy a variety of challenging outdoor experiences to support all areas of learning.
- Staff are outstanding role models, which fully enhances children's social development and therefore their behaviour is excellent.
- The manager has exceptional processes in place for recruitment, induction, supervisions and appraisals. This helps to ensure that the staff team are highly qualified and receive highly effective support for their professional development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- further enhance the range of experiences and interactions for children within the forest area.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager/nominated person.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and planning documentation.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

Staff use their strong, wide knowledge base to provide children with exciting learning experiences throughout the well-resourced and equipped setting. Excellent and challenging activities allow children to access all areas of learning and make excellent progress in their development. The facilities available to the children, including the soft play, sand pit, extensive land and animals, provide them with a unique and stimulating environment in which they thrive. Children move around all areas of the setting on a daily basis, taking the lead in their play experiences. Staff have effective observation, planning and assessments in place, which effectively supports children in their development. Excellent partnerships with parents allows families to be a part of their child's learning enabling both the staff and parents to work towards the same goals for the child. Staff ensure children are well prepared for school through focused activities for the older children.

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

Staff make exceptional arrangements to care for children and support their well-being. New children settle extremely well into the setting following an extensive settling in period. This includes a home visit and settling in visits with their parents at the setting. Staffing arrangements are consistent so children are very familiar with staff. An outstanding key-person system provides the children and families with reassurance and a strong line of communication. The facilities and environment allow the children excellent access to the outdoors and fresh air, with the children exploring the gardens throughout their day. Children access a forest area where staff provide effective learning opportunities overall. Staff have excellent practices in place to provide children with a healthy diet. Fresh fruit is provided as a morning snack and parents are encouraged to provide a healthy pack lunch to eat.

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

The manager's vision for the setting is inspirational and allows the setting to provide a unique experience that delivers exceptional standards. All staff have first-aid training, as well as safeguarding and food hygiene to maintain a high level of knowledge. An extremely thorough process to recruit new employees promotes the high standard of staff. A highly effective arrangement for supervisions and appraisals leads to a high level of consistent practice. The manager spends time with all of the staff in the rooms with the children ensuring her high standards are met by all staff members. The management team complete a thorough analysis of children's development and accident statistics so learning needs and areas for improvement are recognised and met quickly.

Setting details

Unique reference number	135264
Local authority	Enfield
Inspection number	846432
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	45
Name of provider	Carol Jane Montessori Nursery School Limited
Date of previous inspection	5 May 2011
Telephone number	020 8364 4440

Carol Jane Montessori Nursery opened in 1991. It is privately owned and operates from three rooms and an outdoor area of a converted house in the London borough of Enfield. The nursery is open five days a week, 50 weeks a year and sessions are from 8am to 3pm. The nursery is registered on the Early Years Register and there are currently 45 children on roll. The setting receives funding for 3 and 4 year olds. The children attend a variety of sessions and the setting follows the Montessori ethos.

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