

Nelly's Nursery

43 Lancaster Avenue, LONDON, SE27 9EL



Inspection date

17 March 2015

Previous inspection date

3 February 2011

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		Outstanding	1
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 support children's emotional well-being extremely well. This is because of the close, warm and supportive relationships that staff build with children and their families from the outset.
- Leaders, managers and the staff team ensure that safeguarding children takes a high priority. Staff clearly understand what to do should they have concerns about children's welfare. The setting is safe and secure, and effective risk assessments and policies are implemented by staff.
- The quality of teaching is very good. Staff are skilful communicators and listen perceptively to children. They help children gain new vocabulary and respond effectively to their cues. This extends children's learning securely and in particular their communication and language development.
- Leaders and managers have a secure understanding of the areas of learning. This enables them to accurately monitor staff practice, children's progress and the quality of planning and assessments.
- Staff share a good range of information with parents, including daily feedback about their children's progress. Parents comment that they feel very happy with the service provided.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always encourage parents to share information about their children's home learning to gain a wider picture of children's progress. They do not always involve parents in identifying the next steps in learning for their children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the partnership working with parents so that they are more fully involved in their child's learning; by encouraging them to share observations from home and by involving them in the setting of future learning goals for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out observations of staff interactions with the children in the inside and outside play areas.
- The inspector spoke to the manager and staff regarding recent training, evaluation methods and safeguarding practice.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, procedures and documents, including safeguarding, complaints and behaviour management, and information gathered when a child starts at the setting.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of practice with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Claire Douglas

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 balance of adult-initiated and child-led activities which promotes children's development in all areas of learning. Consequently, children make good progress in relation to their individual starting points and are ready for the next stage in their learning. Staff use the excellent settling-in arrangements to gain information from parents about children's starting points and individual needs. As a result, staff understand and meet children's care and learning needs effectively. Babies explore and investigate natural items, which stimulate their senses and develop their understanding of the world. Children are encouraged to count and learn about weights and measurements during play activities. The environment is rich in print, which helps children to develop their early reading skills.

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

Staff act as inspiring role models, praising children and thanking them for their achievements throughout the day. As a result, children are developing excellent manners and they are aware of their boundaries for good behaviour. Children benefit from a highly stimulating environment, which provides challenge and exploration both inside and outdoors on a daily basis. The staff provide an extensive range of well-planned activities with strong learning outcomes. These contribute to the children's readiness for moving on to other settings and school. Staff encourage children's independence and self-help skills extremely well. As a result, children attempt to dress for the garden and tend to their own personal care needs well. Children's safety and good health are prioritised by staff who teach them about keeping safe and living healthily.

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

Management and staff implement the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage effectively. Management provides regular supervision meetings for staff to identify their professional development needs and any changes to their suitability. Staff use their training effectively to improve children's learning experiences. For instance, staff improved children's outdoor learning by creating a 'mud kitchen' and a 'bug hotel'. Children delight when they are picked to help check the garden with a picture risk assessment on a clip board. As a result, staff promote children's understanding of safety effectively. Management takes into account the views of children, parents, staff and other professionals when reflecting on the service. Management has completed the recommendation set at the previous inspection and demonstrates a strong commitment to providing high-quality childcare.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY411292
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	831917
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	53
Number of children on roll	59
Name of provider	Sarah Hill
Date of previous inspection	3 February 2011
Telephone number	07771893836

Nelly's Nursery registered in 2010. It is one of four nurseries run by the same provider. It operates in West Dulwich in the London Borough of Lambeth. The nursery is open from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 50 weeks of the year. There are 16 staff who work directly with the children, of these 15 hold relevant early years qualifications to a level 2 or above. The manager and owner are not included in the ratios. The manager holds a level 3 qualification and the owner has Early Years Professional Status and a MA in Education. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged three and four.

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