

South Hampstead Daycare

South Hampstead Synagogue, 21-22 Eton Villas, LONDON, NW3 4SG



Inspection date

30 April 2015

Previous inspection date

19 May 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 build close relationships with the children as they get to know them well. As a result children feel secure and gain in self-confidence, which promotes their emotional well-being effectively and enhances their learning experiences.
- Staff work closely with parents to promote children's learning and development. This partnership helps the children to progress well.
- The manager supports the team to develop their knowledge and skills effectively, and reflects on practice regularly to improve the outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide opportunities for children to explore different materials, indoors and outside, to fully experience how things feel and observe how they change.
- Staff do not promote children's understanding of the world fully effectively, for example, by providing a wide range of opportunities that enable children to learn about different cultures, including different traditions and religions.
- Staff do not always provide opportunities for children to express their preferences and make their own choices during some daily routines and activities to enhance independent learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the range of opportunities available for children to make more choices in their play and to explore different resources, including natural materials, to stimulate and enhance their learning experiences
- provide more opportunities for children to learn about different cultures, including different traditions and faiths, in order to more fully develop their understanding of the world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at policies and other documents, including children's records.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, other members of staff and parents.
- The inspector accompanied children on a visit to a community music session.
- The inspector observed staff support children during play, and at snack and lunch times.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Sarah Cousins

Inspection findings

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

Staff talk to children and encourage them to develop their language. As a result, children communicate well and are confident to express their ideas and needs with adults. Staff help children to make different movements, such as walking, climbing or sliding. This helps children develop new skills and gain physical strength. Staff also encourage children to do things for themselves, for example using a spoon to feed themselves. Children gain self-confidence and independence in readiness for school. Staff get to know the children's needs very well and plan effectively so that they make good progress in their learning and development. Staff attend closely to children's needs and children behave very well. Staff encourage children to share things with their friends and children make good relationships with staff and other children. Staff read stories and recite rhymes with the children, which helps children gain a love for reading.

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

Staff establish strong bonds with the children and children form close attachments to the adults who care for them. Staff establish a loving atmosphere and children are happy. Staff organise creative activities, for example making decorations for Shabbat or Chinese New Year and attending community singing sessions. Staff take children out for walks twice a day and on visits to a soft play centre. This enables children to learn about the importance of having fresh air and physical exercise as part of developing a healthy lifestyle. Staff teach children about the need to keep clean and adopt healthy habits. They attend sensitively to children's personal and physical needs and, as a result, children feel comfortable and enjoy their play.

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

The manager and staff implement effective policies and procedures to help safeguard children and promote their welfare. The manager has met the recommendations made at the last inspection and has made many improvements to the quality of provision. She knows what needs to be done to improve practice further and has developed a strong action plan. The manager takes great care to recruit suitable staff and supports them to develop their practice. She observes teaching and organises suitable training for all staff. The manager establishes close working relationships with parents and involves them in all aspects of their children's education and care. She attends closely to children's safety and ensures that staff are equally vigilant. The manager carries out and reports on regular fire and intruder drills and makes sure all staff know what to do if they have any child protection concerns. As a result, staff are effective in keeping children safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY403709
Local authority	Camden
Inspection number	816222
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	18
Number of children on roll	11
Name of provider	United Synagogue
Date of previous inspection	19 May 2011
Telephone number	02077221807

South Hampstead Daycare is a Shul daycare centre run by South Hampstead Synagogue, which is affiliated to the United Synagogue. The setting registered in 2010 and is situated in a residential area in the London Borough of Camden. The setting primarily serves children from the Jewish faith. The setting is open Mondays to Thursdays from 8am to 6.15pm, except during Jewish holidays and bank holidays. The setting employs six members of childcare staff, including the manager. Of these, four staff hold early years qualifications from Levels 2 to 4.

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