

# Castlehaven Community Centre



Castlehaven Community Association, The Community Centre, 21 Castlehaven Road,  
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## Inspection date

28 May 2015

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Not applicable	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 <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- Staff have a good understanding and knowledge of how to promote the learning and development of young children to help them reach their full potential.
- Staff provide children with interesting and stimulating experiences in all areas of learning and that meets the needs of the range of children who attend.
- Staff provide a welcoming and well-resourced environment indoors and outside, therefore promoting children's all-round development and emotional well-being.
- Staff are fully aware of, and sensitive to, potential and actual harm to children. They are able to explain how they identify concerns and deal with safeguarding issues. This includes what action to take in order to protect children and keep them safe.
- Partnerships with parents and other settings are strong and contribute significantly to meeting children's needs.
- The manager implements a well-established programme of professional development to help staff improve their knowledge, understanding and practice. She monitors staff regularly to identify areas for improvement and provides access to training courses to develop their practice further.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always promote children's independence at all times as part of daily routines. Consequently, they miss opportunities for children to learn to manage their personal needs.

## **What the setting needs to do to improve further**

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

- promote children's independence further by encouraging them to develop self-help skills through daily routines.

### **Inspection activities**

- The inspector observed activities both indoors and out.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and reviewed relevant documentation, such as policies and procedures and staff records.
- The inspector undertook a tour of the premises to review the suitability of equipment and to ensure safety measures are in place to keep children safe.

### **Inspector**

Michelle Bassani

## 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 across all areas of learning. Children have free access to a wide range of resources that enable them to extend their own play further. For example, children at the drawing area accessed resources from the playdough table to cut out their pictures and develop their physical skills further. Staff support children's communication and language skills well by modelling language, extending their vocabulary and using actions alongside words to help them understand. For example, during play, staff introduce mathematical vocabulary such as 'enough', 'more' and 'how many', and use simple songs to provide instructions for children using rolling pins to flatten the playdough. As parents remain for the duration of each session, staff and parents have regular opportunities to share information about children's development and achievements. Overall, they work effectively together to support children's learning; this helps children develop skills for the future.

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

Children are safe to explore their surroundings in confidence as parents and staff remain close by, thus maintaining children's emotional well-being. Children have opportunities to be active and engage in physical play in the well-resourced outdoor play area. Staff prepare healthy snacks for children and provide information for parents about nutrition and the importance of healthy eating for children. Parents are invited to attend regular talks on topics related to their children's education to support them further at home. Children develop an understanding of their multicultural community through events, such as 'international day', where parents bring in food from their own background to share with others. Children's behaviour is good and staff provide clear guidance to parents and children about what is expected. This creates a cooperative atmosphere with children's care and learning at the centre.

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

The manager has a secure understanding of the learning and development requirements and how to keep children safe. She is committed to promoting good quality provision for all children and their parents. Consequently, systems for evaluating the effectiveness of daily activities are robust to help drive improvement. Staff identify areas for development effectively, which they use to inform their planning for future sessions to extend children's learning further. Parents provide regular feedback and this enables staff to tailor provision to meet the needs of the children who attend.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY424738
<b>Local authority</b>	Camden
<b>Inspection number</b>	773924
<b>Type of provision</b>	Sessional provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	300
<b>Name of provider</b>	Castlehaven Community Association
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable
<b>Telephone number</b>	02076922293

Castlehaven Community Centre registered in 2011. The setting is located in the London Borough of Camden and operates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 10am to 12pm. The provider employs four staff. Of these, two hold appropriate childcare qualifications at Level 3.

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