

# Kaleidoscope Childcare

Methodist Church Hall, Bartholomew Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 2LH



## Inspection date

25 June 2015

Previous inspection date

10 December 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>1</b>
	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 <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is outstanding

- High quality strategies help children develop their communication and language skills exceptionally well. Specialist teachers work closely with children and all staff use signing and modelling of speech to help children make excellent progress.
- Staff give top priority to preparing children for school. For example, there are increased but fun opportunities for name recognition. Children add named building bricks to a background at the start of each day. Staff liaise closely with new schools to ensure that they are fully aware of children's starting points and individual needs.
- Children's understanding of how to stay safe is comprehensive. For example, when using scissors they tell key persons the correct way to carry them and the reasons why without prompting. This is because staff continuously support children to develop their understanding, giving clear explanations.
- Children are excellent at solving conflicts. This is because adults give support and guidance. Staff give children space and time to think about their actions and how to act kindly towards others.
- Children with additional needs make excellent progress due to staff's comprehensive understanding of their roles. Staff work extremely closely with families and others supporting children to ensure that they receive individual and high quality input.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review available resources when putting out activities, such as painting to ensure there are enough colour pots for all to use.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and in the outside area.
- The inspector had discussions with the owner, the manager, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including children's records and improvement plans.

### Inspector

Karen Scott

## Inspection findings

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

Staff provide children with exceptional support to promote their learning and development. They listen to children when planning and ensure activities reflect their interests and motivate them. Staff are highly skilled at knowing when to intervene and make suggestions to extend learning. They know when to stand back and let children lead. For example, staff encouraged children playing with toy animals to look at books to learn more about the animals. However, staff keenness to let children lead their own play meant there were not enough paint pots at the easel, limiting their choices. Children were able to add more paint and enjoyed seeing what happens when they mix colours together. The staff work extremely hard to ensure they involve parents and carers in their children's learning. Parents look at and add to their children's learning records whenever they wish. Staff invite them to regular stay and play sessions where they participate in activities and learn about their child's day. The extremely close and supportive relationships that staff have with parents and carers ensures excellent learning experiences for children.

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

Children play in an exceptionally welcoming environment. They particularly enjoy playing outside in the newly renovated area, where activities and resources provide stimulating challenges and interest. This helps children understand the importance of fresh air for healthy lifestyles. Children feel safe and secure with an excellent level of emotional well-being. This is due to the strong relationships between staff and children. Key persons work extremely closely with parents and carers to ensure that they meet children's individual needs. Staff plan exciting activities indoors that help children discover their own abilities. Children consistently build on their levels of self-esteem and confidence.

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

All staff are qualified. They have an excellent understanding of safeguarding and of the action to take if they have any child protection concerns. Staff assessments, supervision meetings and training opportunities have an outstanding effect on the quality of teaching. Staff share ideas for good practice and look at how best they can support all children to be curious and independent learners. The manager and staff extensively track children's learning progress to address any gaps quickly. For example, they observed some boys' lack of interest in early writing. They put writing resources and a torch under a covered table, which prompted boys to participate. The staff and management are exceptionally keen to develop. They highly value the views and opinions of children and their families. There are comprehensive plans in place to improve children's experiences.

## Setting details

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<b>Local authority</b>	Kent
<b>Inspection number</b>	828007
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	2 - 5
<b>Total number of places</b>	30
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	36
<b>Name of provider</b>	Kaleidascope Child Care Limited
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	10 December 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	01304 212067

Kaleidascope Childcare registered in 2005 and is one of two settings run by Kaleidascope Childcare Limited. It operates from the Methodist church hall in Dover, Kent. The group opens each week day, from 9am until 3pm, term time only. There are seven members of staff and all have relevant childcare qualifications. This includes four staff who have level 3 qualifications and two have level 2 qualifications in childcare. One member of staff has a level six qualification in childcare. The setting receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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