

# Ladybirds Pre-School (Porchester)

The Scout Hut, Porchester Road, Southampton, SO19 2JD



## Inspection date

24 June 2015

Previous inspection date

18 July 2011

<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

- Children make excellent progress because staff deliver high-quality teaching tailored to meet the interests, needs and strengths of each child. Staff ensure all children, including those with special educational needs and those learning English as an additional language, make exceptional progress from their starting points.
- Staff prepare children with less experience and confidence when they begin pre-school extremely well for this next stage in their learning, so they settle in quickly.
- Staff work exceptionally well with parents to enhance children's learning, which ensures key information is shared between them; consequently, children flourish.
- The experienced manager uses her qualifications to check that the staff team work consistently well together. They have an excellent understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They have a strong commitment to promoting high quality provision and achieving excellence in all areas.
- All children are respected and valued and staff are sensitive to children's individual needs. Children form strong attachments to staff, which helps them develop confidence and self-esteem, which helps them learn.
- Children thoroughly enjoy their experiences and are very happy and relaxed. This is because staff provide a wide range of exciting activities which stimulate their curiosity and make them eager to join in.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review times when all children gather together to consider whether these are the best way of meeting children's needs.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and spoke to children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching in the indoor and the outdoor learning environments.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and sampled other documentation including safeguarding information.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to during the inspection.

### Inspector

Alison Large

## Inspection findings

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

Children blossom under the care of the extremely knowledgeable staff team. Staff use their knowledge to inspire children's play. They check children's progress and are quick to identify children whose learning is not at a typical level for their age. They step in quickly to ensure all children reach their highest possible levels of attainment. Children are very active learners. Staff help them to develop new skills, to grow in confidence and to rise to the challenge of trying something new. Children are very enthused and develop a highly positive attitude to their learning. They learn to play alongside others extremely well. Staff use excellent teaching methods. For example, they ask skilled questions that stretch children's thinking. Their excellent interaction exposes children to new language and develops their communication skills.

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

Children are welcomed into a warm and friendly setting by staff who meet the children's welfare needs with great success. Excellent arrangements to provide children with individual support helps children settle in quickly. All children benefit from using a wealth of resources. They enjoy choosing what to do, which includes exploring the exciting ones outside. This means they are always busy. Children behave extremely well because staff have very high expectations of them. Staff fully promote the children's health and safety. Staff prepare children extremely well for their progression to school.

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

The management team is committed to providing provision of the very highest quality. There are very effective systems to check and evaluate staff practice to identify the ongoing and specific individual training needs. Staff undertake training to increase their teaching skills and are encouraged to gain further qualifications. Their additional skills have had an excellent impact on the quality of children's learning experiences, such as in their imaginative play. There are thorough methods of evaluating the pre-school's service. The manager has identified accurately the need to review how staff use the large-group times because these do not always suit all children participating. Recommendations from the previous inspection have been addressed. The changes made have contributed to raising the overall quality of the pre-school to an excellent level. Arrangements for safeguarding children are robust. Staff have an excellent understanding of safeguarding and children are very well protected.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY423715
<b>Local authority</b>	Southampton
<b>Inspection number</b>	823028
<b>Type of provision</b>	Sessional provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	2 - 5
<b>Total number of places</b>	26
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	50
<b>Name of provider</b>	Ladybirds Pre-School Southampton
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	18 July 2011
<b>Telephone number</b>	0238 0431226

Ladybirds Pre-School registered in 2010 and is located in the Portchester Road Scout Hut in the Woolston area of Southampton. The pre-school opens on weekdays during school terms from 8.45am until 11.45am and then from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. A lunch club is offered between sessions. The pre-school is in receipt of funding for early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are nine members of staff employed to work with the children, all of whom hold a relevant early years qualification. The manager has a relevant foundation degree.

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