

Hopscotch Nursery

9 Nizells Avenue, HOVE, East Sussex, BN3 1PL



Inspection date

29 June 2015

Previous inspection date

23 May 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Staff know children's learning needs, home interests and abilities in exceptional detail. This helps children to develop very strong bonds with their key person. As a result, children play, explore and chat alongside staff happily.
- Staff provide excellent opportunities for younger children to develop their physical skills outdoors. Staff carefully place equipment so babies can practise walking and toddling, which develops their coordination skills rapidly. They enjoy investigating sensory resources that help to develop their small muscles as they handle them.
- Staff warmly welcome parents and families, and invite parents to stay and talk about children's interests and to share what they know about their children. This mutual approach helps to improve learning outcomes for children successfully.
- The leaders and managers have extremely effective policies and procedures, which staff use to guide their already outstanding practice. For example, staff clearly describe how to report any concerns if they were worried about a child's well-being. As a result, staff protect children extremely well, helping to ensure their welfare.
- Staff provide excellent support for children's communication and language skills. They are highly skilful in using a combination of conversation, text and signs to develop children's speech. However, they do not always fully enhance early literacy skills for those children that learn better outdoors.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. Staff use an excellent range of techniques to motivate children to explore and investigate. They skilfully help children to achieve what they set out to do and ask excellent questions to help them come up with their own ideas.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of resources outdoors to further enhance literacy skills for those children that learn better outside.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed a selection of policies and planning documents.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents.
- The inspector took into account the views of children.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Rachel Southern

Inspection findings

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

Staff make precise assessments of children's development and track their progress accurately. They plan extremely well for children's next stages in learning and monitor their progress very effectively. Staff skilfully help children learn to count and understand numbers reliably. They teach older children to develop more complex skills, such as adding and subtracting. Staff nurture children's understanding of nature by connecting activities, such as gardening and mini-beast hunting, with stories about snails and slugs. Their highly skilful teaching expands and nurtures children's understanding of the world around them extremely well. Staff develop strong partnerships with families, working closely with parents to share information. The special educational needs co-ordinator holds regular review and planning meetings with support services. Children make very clear progress and any gaps in learning close rapidly.

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

Staff carefully nurture children's self-esteem and confidence. Children turn to familiar staff for reassurance, confident in the warm and caring atmosphere. Staff are very positive role models and give consistent guidelines to children. They are highly effective at helping children to learn about their friends' feelings. Staff help children to consider others by asking, 'What does it feel like?' As a result, children learn about emotions and adjust their behaviour. Staff make excellent use of the local park and outdoors play area. This approach helps children to develop a positive attitude to being outside and contributes to a healthy lifestyle. Excellent teaching encourages children to do things for themselves. For example, children confidently try out new skills using a computer program and solve problems to discover an answer themselves. Staff prepare older children exceptionally well for their move to school.

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

Leaders and managers gather the views of staff, parents and children to inform self-evaluation. As a result, everyone contributes to the process to identify strengths and areas to enhance practice. Leaders and managers rigorously check and review the quality of provision, using this information to set targets and drive improvement. For example, managers introduced new activities for younger children, which have helped to engage and focus their attention to enhance their development. Managers closely monitor staff, providing effective supervision and training to make sure they are extremely knowledgeable. The qualified early years teachers both offer excellent guidance to new staff to support their professional development. Overall, this outstanding team helps children make extremely good progress in their learning in preparation for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY455753
Local authority	Brighton & Hove
Inspection number	1010640
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	51
Number of children on roll	110
Name of provider	ACPH Limited
Date of previous inspection	23 May 2013
Telephone number	01273 772 028

Hopscotch Nursery in Nizells Avenue re-registered as part ACPH Limited in 2012. This nursery is situated in Hove, East Sussex. The nursery opens Monday to Friday from 8am to 5.30pm, all year round. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years old. The nursery also offers care to children aged up to eight years old. The nursery currently supports a number of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who are learning English as an additional language. The nursery employs 17 staff; of these, 14 staff hold early years qualifications. The manager has Early Years Professional Status.

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