

Play Place Little Angels

Limpsfield Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 9DA



Inspection date

21 May 2015

Previous inspection date

8 June 2011

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

- All staff have a thorough and detailed knowledge of the needs of young children. They plan exciting activities that build on the children's interests. As a result, children are always enthusiastic and engaged.
- Staff make excellent use of the premises, inside and out, to provide children with a wealth of exciting play activities that spark their curiosity and encourage explorative play. Children flourish in this learning environment and make outstanding progress in all aspects of their learning and development.
- The monitoring of the educational programme and development of the children is of an exceptionally high quality. Consequently, the needs of all the children including those with additional needs are exceptionally well met.
- Staff consistently demonstrate wonderful interaction with the children. They question children skilfully to provoke their thinking and drive their learning. Activities are carefully planned and implemented to a very high standard, so children are constantly developing, while also enjoying the experiences provided.
- Well-focused and highly effective partnerships with parents provide staff with excellent opportunities to underpin and further continue children's learning and development.
- Staff work with parents to offer training and one-to-one sessions so that parents can gain an understanding of, and effectively meet, the needs of their child, particularly those with additional needs.
- The key person system is highly effective enabling excellent relationships to build between staff and parents, and continuity in learning is ensured through this two-way flow of information.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children to consistently explore and use technology resources.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in both indoor and outdoor areas.
- The inspector spoke with staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at activity planning, records of children's learning and a selection of planning documentation, policies and records, including staff vetting details.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager and completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gather their views.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

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

All children make exceptional progress in their play and learning as staff have an excellent understanding of how children learn. The well-structured environments ensure that they are consistently inspired and motivated in their play. Staff have an exceptional understanding of how to provide children with a firm foundation to build their future learning on. There is a vast selection of resources and experiences for children to access and enjoy. However, children do not always get to use technology consistently throughout the session, to reinforce their understanding of how things work. Staff know children extremely well. Observations of children's learning is highly effective and precisely assessed to identify what children can do. As a result, staff plan effectively to meet children's individual needs, and help children make rapid progress in their development. Staff complete regular summary reports on children's progress and share these with the parents. They recognise and value parents as their children's key educator and actively work with them to further their children's learning.

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

The welcoming and infinitely stimulating environment, along with staff's expertise, ensures children are making exceptional progress in all areas of learning. Highly skilled staff are sensitive in helping children build secure emotional attachments. Staff use information from parents extremely well, in order to meet children's specific needs. The resources and experiences offered to children are of an outstanding quality and provide for all children's needs. Staff are expert in using language and praise to build children's self-esteem and confidence. As a result, their behaviour is excellent. They are very kind as they play cooperatively, and share their toys and resources. This helps give them the skills they need for their future learning and move to school.

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

The manager is passionate about her role in early years. She has an exceptional understanding of her responsibilities, and extensively monitors the planning and delivery of the educational programmes. Safeguarding arrangements are rigorous and robust which contributes to keeping children safe. Staff practice is of exceptionally high quality and this is maintained through continuous training. A comprehensive range of highly effective policies and procedures are consistently implemented. Staff have exceptional relationships with parents who are extremely happy with the care and support they receive. Staff develop tremendously effective relationships with other settings and professionals, and they make arrangements to visit other settings that children attend. This ensures continuity of care is highly effective and meets children's individual needs exceedingly well.

Setting details

Unique reference number	957401
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	826278
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	54
Name of provider	Play Place Child Care Services Limited
Date of previous inspection	8 June 2011
Telephone number	07985 771045 or 07766 107303

Play Place Little Angels is one of five provisions run by Play Place Childcare Services Ltd. It opened in 2001 and operates from three rooms within a church building. It is situated in Sanderstead, a suburb of the London borough of Croydon. The setting is open each weekday, from 9am to 3pm, term time only. The pre-school is in receipt of funding for free early education for children aged two and three. There are nine staff employed, of these, seven staff including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and level 5.

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