

Acorn Nursery

Oakington Manor GM Primary School, Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, Middlesex,
HA9 6NF



Inspection date	28 July 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide a highly stimulating and attractive environment where they promote children's learning effectively across all areas of their development. The managers monitor teaching and planning effectively so that all children make good progress.
- The managers have organised the nursery to enable children to confidently make choices and help themselves to activities, which motivates them to learn and concentrate. Children of all ages and abilities experience a range of physical activities that encourage them to take risks and try challenges in a safe environment.
- Older children spend time each day in the school Reception Class during the final year in nursery. This helps them make more progress in early reading and writing, and prepares them well for school.
- Behaviour is exemplary because staff consistently provide very clear expectations and model excellent attitudes in their relations with children and adults.
- The managers work closely with the school's premises manager, effectively monitoring the nursery to ensure they manage children's safety and welfare to the highest levels.
- The nursery cook works with the school nurse to provide healthy, well-balanced and appetising meals, which meet all dietary needs and the children thoroughly enjoy.
- Parents' views are valued. This strengthens communication and promotes consistency in children's care and learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always guide children in identifying and understanding how and why things happen to fully extend their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop staff skills in using questions more effectively to extend children's thinking and understanding of how things happen in the world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held regular discussions with the manager and the Early Years Foundation Stage coordinator.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's records, including tracking charts and progress records, alongside other relevant documentation.

Inspector

Liz Kissane

Inspection findings

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

Managers ensure that planning meets the needs of all children to ensure everyone makes good progress. Staff promote children's communication, literacy and mathematical skills well. Children learn that print has meaning because they see words written down. This includes examples of children's home languages demonstrating how much it is valued. Outdoors, staff encourage children to write numbers on a hopscotch frame so that they see a purpose for using numbers. Staff count with children and sing number songs. In the toddler room, staff encourage children to crawl through a tunnel repeating words to describe their movements. This helps them to learn and understand the words used, develop physical skills and confidence in their achievements. Children show care and consideration for belongings as they handle books and dolls well. Parents are very positive about the nursery. They are very satisfied with communication about progress and say they have informative discussions about their child with all staff.

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

Key persons and staff, including the school nurse, have an exceptionally good knowledge of each child's individual needs. Children feel emotionally secure and are extremely confident in making choices in activities and relationships. This helps children to develop in their own way. Because staff show care and concern for everyone, children copy their example. They are extremely considerate to others and work cooperatively together. Staff set up activities that require precision and control, such as running toy cars down a ramp. This encourages children to take great care and exercise close control when playing energetically in order to stay safe. Staff make very good use of the excellent new equipment to provide high quality and inspirational activities which challenge and motivate children.

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

The managers work closely with staff to provide good-quality teaching and care for children across all areas of learning. The managers supervise and observe staff to help identify training needs and support their professional development. All staff have a good understanding of children's learning and developmental needs. Management and staff are fully aware of child protection and safeguarding procedures. They expertly manage children's welfare and safety to protect them from harm. Staff work well with management to ensure the nursery runs smoothly and to implement improvements, such as to the premises, for the benefit of children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	137751
Local authority	Brent
Inspection number	825684
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	33
Number of children on roll	33
Name of provider	Oakington Manor School Governing Body
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	020 8902 2871

Acorn Nursery registered in 2000. It is located in the grounds of Oakington Manor School in the London Borough of Brent. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 49 weeks of the year. There are 15 staff employed to work directly with the children. Of these, one is a qualified teacher, one holds Early Years Professional Status and 13 hold relevant qualifications between levels 3 and 6.

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