

Evergreen Play Association & Adventure Playground

Evergreen Play Association, Evergreen Playground, Beehive Close, LONDON, E8 3JT

Inspection date

4 August 2015

Previous inspection date

17 January 2012

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children continue to make excellent progress in their development. They are excited and motivated by the extensive range of fun and stimulating activities available for them in this unique playground.
- The adventure playground is an innovative and exciting environment for children. They enjoy abundant opportunities, such as den building and cave painting, to expand their imagination and develop physically and emotionally.
- The highly innovative staff interactions mean children are eager and enthusiastic, for example, when they learn about the natural world and living things. In addition, their communication skills and language develop rapidly and are exceptional.
- The well qualified and knowledgeable staff are totally at ease in their work and are very skilled as they understand children's needs. They seize opportunities to build on children's interests and abilities within a culture of fun and play.
- Staff have excellent partnerships between parents, other professionals and local schools. This ensures a thorough and collaborative approach to identifying and meeting all children's needs, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The leadership is highly effective in driving improvement. Staff work exceptionally well together. They participate in supervision meetings and have regular training, which promotes consistent practices, such as extremely good behaviour management.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen further children's awareness of the importance for excellent personal hygiene routines, especially with hand-washing.

Inspection activities

- The inspector walked around the premises and grounds, accompanied by the playground managers.
- The inspector spoke with the management, staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed children's play activities, and the staff's interactions with children.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including planning, displays and a selection of policies and procedures.

Inspector

Lisa Cain

Inspection findings

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

This outstanding play environment is child-centred, inclusive, accessible and extremely well adapted to meet all children's individual needs. Staff are exceptionally well deployed to support children and encourage excellent communication as children play together cooperatively. Staff ensure there are rich and varied experiences that are interesting and challenging. Children enjoy the excellent range of art and craft activities. For example, children gathered around excitedly to create a giant island as they made trees, animals and different-sized caves from a huge range of resources. Staff have extremely high expectations of themselves and the children, and provide a wealth of inspirational and imaginative play experiences. For example, with a play worker's expertise in teaching, children explore the wild blackberries and create large cave paintings on the wall using the ripe berries. Children have excellent opportunities to develop their large-muscle control and coordination as they climb, run, jump and sweep down the zip-wire.

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

Children are extremely happy and well-motivated to pursue their own play experiences and gain excellent skills that support them well for the future. Staff have an exceptionally consistent approach as they manage children's behaviour and provide them with excellent expectations. This means children learn to respect and care about each other and their environment in an extraordinary way. Children have an excellent understanding of safety and risk because staff encourage their independence and allow children to take responsibility. As a result, they become highly confident and learn how to manage their own safety. However, there is less concentration on their awareness of excellent hygiene practices. Staff complete highly comprehensive risk assessments, which are consistently implemented and keep children safe both inside and outdoors.

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

The leadership and management of the playground is exceptionally strong and there are highly effective systems to ensure staff meet together daily for practice discussions. Staff work exceptionally well together and are excellent role models to the children. There are highly effective arrangements to safeguard children. The staff are extremely knowledgeable and highly trained in child protection procedures. The staff turnover at the playground is very low and most staff have been employed for many years. The dedication and passion for working with children is relentless. Parents fill in annual questionnaires and comment favourably. Those parents spoken to during the inspection, spoke extremely highly of the staff, especially the managers. The managers constantly review the quality of staff's practices and children's experiences to ensure they remain excellent.

Setting details

Unique reference number	144572
Local authority	Hackney
Inspection number	846635
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	5 - 8
Total number of places	35
Number of children on roll	22
Name of provider	Evergreen Play Association
Date of previous inspection	17 January 2012
Telephone number	02072759004

Evergreen Play Association & Adventure Playground registered in 1993. It is situated in the London Borough of Hackney. The playground is open during term time from 4pm until 7pm on Tuesday to Friday, and from 12pm to 5pm on Saturday. It opens in the school holidays from 10am until 5pm on Monday to Friday. There are 11 members of staff, all of whom have relevant qualifications, including three at level 5 and seven with level 3 qualifications.

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