

Yellow Dot Nursery

Yellow Dot Nursery, North Baddesley, Southampton, Hampshire, SO52 9DT



Inspection date

18 August 2015

Previous inspection date

6 May 2009

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

- The leadership and management team provide excellent support to staff. This enables staff at all levels to develop their skills and constantly provide a stimulating, interesting and safe environment for the children.
- The provider ensures that managers and staff have an excellent awareness of their roles and responsibilities. They oversee the management of the provision highly successfully and implement exemplary systems to monitor the quality of teaching and children's progress.
- Staff are enthusiastic and confident role models. They provide high quality teaching throughout the nursery, using the skills they gain from achieving qualifications and ongoing training. Staff build on children's interests and skills, and carefully monitor their progress. All children make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Children are exceptionally motivated and interested in all that is going on around them. Imaginative use of space and resources helps to promote all areas of learning very effectively.
- Excellent care is taken to encourage children's good health and hygiene awareness. Children confidently demonstrate their physical skills in the garden, and independently follow good hygiene routines relevant to their age and understanding. They also enjoy healthy and nutritious meals and snacks, freshly prepared for them each day.
- Highly effective measures are taken to promote the welfare and safety of children. This includes ensuring that all staff have an up-to-date and confident knowledge of the action to take if they have child protection concerns.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen opportunities for children to manage even more everyday tasks by themselves, to further develop their already high levels of independence.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises and viewed resources with the manager.
- The inspector observed the children and staff at play.
- The inspector examined records and documents provided by the manager and observed an activity with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to several parents to gain their views on the provision.
- The inspector read and discussed the nursery's self-evaluation.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

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

Careful observation and assessment of each child is used by staff to plan very successfully for children's individual learning needs and interests. Any gaps in children's learning are identified, accurately targeted and narrowed quickly. Consequently, every child makes excellent progress in their learning. Children thoroughly enjoy fun opportunities to experiment. For example, they are excited to discover what happens when they put water and different types of balls down chutes outside. Staff encourage children's language and thinking skilfully, by, for example, encouraging them to compare and predict what will happen as they experiment. In all rooms, children benefit from opportunities to participate in group activities developing their social skills, and independent learning as they explore the wealth of resources. Children are very well prepared for the next stage in their learning, including moves within the nursery and to school.

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

Children develop an excellent awareness of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Staff are positive role models who talk to children about the effect healthy food has on their bodies, and promote children's well-being impressively. Mealtimes are relaxed, social occasions but staff do not always make best use of them to enhance children's independence skills. Partnerships with parents are very well established. Staff organise many events and opportunities for parents to discuss their children's progress. Parents receive excellent encouragement to involve them in their children's learning and to extend learning at home. Parents can borrow an extensive variety of activities and resources to use at home. Well-planned introductions to nursery enable children to gradually settle and for parents to feel confident in the care their children receive. Staff show a high level of concern for all the children and adults around them. They are very polite and well-mannered at all times. They manage any challenging behaviour calmly, sensitively and consistently according to children's level of understanding. As a result, children's behaviour is excellent.

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

Rigorous recruitment, induction and supervision ensure staff settle quickly into their roles and feel supported. Partnerships with other professionals and services are strong and continue to develop. This helps to promote consistency in children's care and excellent support for their learning. The nursery provides outstanding support to children, with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and those who are not making expected progress. The systems to monitor children's development and target any gaps in their learning are extremely successful. Thorough self-evaluation informed by staff, parents, children's progress, and research, helps to maintain the high quality of the provision.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY320254
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	827310
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	64
Number of children on roll	121
Name of provider	Yellow Dot Limited
Date of previous inspection	6 May 2009
Telephone number	02380 739988

Yellow Dot Nursery is one of eleven early years settings run by Yellow Dot Limited. It opened in 2006 and operates from a purpose-built building in North Baddesley, Southampton, Hampshire. The nursery is open from 7.45am to 6pm, five days a week, for 51 weeks per year. There are 19 staff at the nursery, six staff have early years professional qualifications and seven are qualified in early years. Currently they provide free early education for three year olds.

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