

Streatham Montessori Nursery & Day Care

66 Blairderry Road, London, SW2 4SB



Inspection date

Previous inspection date

19 August 2015

28 September 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Good	2
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 have good relationships with parents, who comment that they are happy with the care and learning opportunities offered to their children.
- Children make good progress in their learning and development because staff understand children's individual needs and provide a variety of fun activities.
- The effective key-person system helps staff to get to know the children and their families quickly and support their needs promptly.
- Staff understand their role in ensuring that children are safe in their learning environment. They implement safeguarding procedures effectively and take appropriate action when needed.
- The manager and staff team are highly effective in driving improvement. They demonstrate reflective practice and commitment towards achieving consistently good practice.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Some newer staff do not consistently promote the learning of all children to the highest level. This means that, on occasion, activities are not always fully extended to reflect each child's learning needs.
- The system for staff supervision is not yet fully implemented to ensure all staff develop the knowledge and skills to fully enhance children's care and learning experiences.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the training for new staff to ensure they are consistently promoting and extending children's learning at all times
- enhance the staff supervision system to ensure all staff develop the knowledge and skills to provide children with consistently high quality care and learning experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector observed children's activities indoors and in the outdoor environment.
- The inspector took account of the views of the parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documentation, evidence of suitability of staff working in the provision and a range of other documentation, including the nursery's policies and procedures.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during inspection and held meetings with the manager.

Inspector

Marisol Hernandez-Garn

Inspection findings

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

Children make good progress as staff provide children with plenty of fun and stimulating activities. For example, children learned how to turn water into ice as part of their science project. Each child is assigned a key person, who takes time to speak to parents and get to know the needs of the children and their family. This helps children form secure attachments. Where there are changes of staff, children benefit from at least one long-standing staff member in each room to offer consistency and continuity. Staff ensure that children who speak English as an additional language are well supported. This helps develop their social and emotional well-being. Staff carry out regular observations and provide a suitable range of experiences for children to help prepare them for their next steps in learning or school. For example, children select activity trays from low-level units and have to place them back when they have completed their activity. This promotes independence and decision-making skills.

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

Staff implement the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. As a result, children feel safe and secure. Children explore their environments with confidence and are able to express their needs. Children have regular fresh air as they play and exercise outdoors and staff promote children's health effectively through clear routines. Children behave well. Staff use appropriate behaviour management techniques to help promote positive behaviour. For example, staff encouraged children to follow their golden rules, which children helped to create. Partnerships with parents and other settings are well established and make a strong contribution to meeting children's needs.

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

The leadership and management are good. There are clear procedures to ensure that all staff are suitable to work with children. For example, new staff are supervised at all times until their Disclosure Barring Service check has been completed. This means children's welfare is effectively safeguarded. The leaders and staff team are reflective and committed to continuously improving their practice. For example, recent training enables staff to enhance the quality of their environment. Staff are deployed well and supported by dedicated leaders. They are in the process of improving their outdoor play space so that children continue to benefit from challenging and stimulating play experiences outside.

Setting details

Unique reference number	144717
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	836700
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	60
Name of provider	Fehmida Gangji
Date of previous inspection	28 September 2009
Telephone number	0208-674-2208

Streatham Montessori Nursery registered in September 1998. The nursery operates from a converted residential property in Streatham Hill, in the London Borough of Lambeth. The nursery is open 51 weeks a year from 8am to 6pm. The nursery employs 12 members of staff. Of these, seven hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one has attained Qualified Teacher Status. The nursery receives funding for free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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