Earl Rise Pre-School

St John's Church Hall, Earl Rise, London, SE18 7NF



Inspection date	9 July 2015
Previous inspection date	11 October 2011

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision mee range of children who attend	ts the needs of the	Good	2
The contribution of the early years provof children	rision to the well-being	Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and early years provision	management of the	Good	2
The setting meets legal requirement	ts for early years setti	ngs	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide endless opportunities for children to engage in physical activities indoors. They enjoy a choice of healthy snack and drinks. This promotes their physical well-being and good health extremely well.
- Staff encourage parents to share information about children's learning abilities, likes, dislikes and achievements very regularly. This helps them to understand children's individual care and learning needs exceptionally well. Consequently, children make good progress in their development from their starting points.
- Management and staff constantly assess children's learning and development. As a result, they are able to plan learning activities that help children move on to the next stage in their learning and development. This helps to prepare children well for school.
- Management and staff have a good knowledge about child protection through a rigorous system of training. Consequently, they are able to liaise with the relevant outside agencies when required to safeguard children, which promotes their welfare.
- Management and staff share children's records of achievement and engage in relevant discussions with school teachers, professionals and parents. Consequently, this helps to provide continuity in children's learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Sometimes, staff miss opportunities to extend children's knowledge about letters and sounds during planned activities.
- Some children are not able to maintain their attention and concentration because of the level of noise, particularly during group times.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to extend their knowledge about letters and sounds during planned activities
- ensure that group activities support children's interests and encourage them to concentrate.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed a wide range of learning activities and reviewed the impact of staff and children's interactions.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager and discussed the effectiveness of teaching and learning.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records and discussed their progress, and spoke with staff.
- The inspector sampled some required documents including the staff qualifications, paediatric first aid certificates and suitability checks.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children and gained their views.

Inspector

Alberta Minta-Jacobs

Inspection findings

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

The quality of teaching is good. Staff provide learning experiences that support the learning of all children. They strengthen children's learning and development effectively because they understand individual needs. Consequently, children are enthusiastic and engage in their choice of play. Staff skilfully provide support and intervene in children's learning through warm interactions and further questioning. This helps children to make new discoveries and test new ideas through imaginative play. Staff observe children's learning during free choice and when they engage in planned activities. Management and staff routinely assess and monitor children's learning, share their achievements and progress with parents and discuss their next steps. They engage in frequent discussions with outside agencies in order to seek further support. Consequently, all children are able to acquire the skills needed for the next stage, and staff are able to close any potential gaps in learning.

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

Staff understand children's care and learning needs extremely well. Consequently, children form very close relationships with a familiar adult. Staff carry out extensive daily checks and risk assessments to provide a safe and secure environment for children. They provide a highly stimulating environment through the excellent provision of age-appropriate play equipment and resources which are easy accessible. Children learn to take appropriate risks and learn to manage their own personal hygiene and care needs extremely well. Staff consistently explain and provide regular prompts about how to keep themselves and others safe. Children are very happy and confident because staff skilfully teach them how to share, take turns and respect each other. Therefore, children's behaviour is excellent.

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

The provider meets the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They have addressed all previous recommendations. They consistently engage with staff to reflect on the provision. They improve the quality of teaching and learning through an effective system of continuous professional development and supervision meetings. Consequently, this helps to improve learning outcomes for children. For example, children's behaviour is exceptional because staff are consistent with behaviour management strategies learnt through attending training. Management routinely seeks the views of parents and children in their self-evaluation process. Consequently, they are able to plan improvement plans through focusing on their weaknesses.

Setting details

Unique reference number 401757

Local authority Greenwich

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Type of provision Sessional provision

Registration category Childcare - Non-Domestic

Age range of children 2 - 5

Total number of places 24

Number of children on roll 15

Name of provider Earl Rise Playgroup Committee

Date of previous inspection 11 October 2011

Telephone number 0208 316 5857

Earl Rise Pre-School registered in 2008. It operates from a church hall in Plumstead, in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. It opens Monday to Friday from 9am to 12 noon, term time only. The pre-school receives funding to provide free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. It employs four members of staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications from level 2. The manager is qualified at level 3.

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