Boomerang Kids



Saltdean Barn, Saltdean Oval Park, Arundel Drive West, Saltdean, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 8SJ

Inspection date	15 December 2015
Previous inspection date	10 December 2009

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and	welfare	Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Leadership and management are inspirational. All those who work in the setting have strongly held values in helping children, staff and families achieve their full potential. This is evident in every aspect of the work they do, and makes them highly effective.
- Staff have an excellent knowledge and understanding of how children learn and are extremely skilled at judging when to teach a specific skill and when to enable children to follow their own ideas. On occasion, staff sometimes do not fully support children's own thinking skills in child-led play.
- Children have extremely mature skills in their relationships with their friends. They listen carefully, understand that other people have different ideas, and play in highly cooperative ways. Older children demonstrate a real empathy and understanding of the younger ones, and babies and toddlers love to learn from the older children.
- Outcomes for children are excellent. Children acquire a very wide range of skills for their future learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

 enhance children's problem-solving skills by consistently giving children time to think about possible solutions.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed babies and children at play in all the playrooms and outdoors.
- The inspector examined a range of documentation including safeguarding documents and children's learning records.
- The inspector and owner/manager carried out a joint observation.
- The inspector gathered the views of parents and children.

Inspector

Susan McCourt

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Managers and staff regularly update their knowledge of safeguarding and know exactly what action to take should they have concerns about a child. Leaders and managers have a wide range of rigorous monitoring methods to identify improvements to the provision. They frequently analyse data on children's progress and take precise action where there might be a risk of children falling behind. Staff benefit from excellent supervision and professional development opportunities to continually build their skills, knowledge and understanding. Such training and mentoring has a great impact on staff's ability to sustain a very high standard of care and education. Leaders and managers take full account of the views of parents and children when evaluating their work and take well-targeted actions as a result. Exemplary partnership working means that children with additional needs receive timely and highly effective support.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff work extremely closely with parents throughout the child's time in the setting. They work together to share information about children's activities and learning in the home and at the setting, which builds an exemplary partnership. Staff use their expert knowledge of children's interests and learning needs to create meticulous plans that extend children's learning. Children enjoy a wide range of highly interesting activities which engage their curiosity and creativity. Staff are very attentive to all children's language development and have an expert understanding of how children communicate. Staff make frequent observations of children's progress and review children's learning regularly. Staff are highly skilled at reshaping plans to tailor them to children's needs.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children enjoy exploring the exemplary learning environment. They independently access a wide range of very high quality resources, indoors and outdoors, and gain in confidence as they explore freely. Staff provide excellent care for children's physical development in the form of exercise and activities which promote muscle development. Children know which foods are good for them and adopt very good hygiene routines. Children build extremely strong bonds with the staff who care for them, and staff are excellent key persons and role models. Children's emotional development is superb.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress from their starting points in learning. They rapidly acquire new skills, and children with additional needs make very strong progress in line with their capabilities. Children develop a great love of learning that prepares them well for the future.

Setting details

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Local authority Brighton & Hove

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 0 - 8

Total number of places 81

Number of children on roll 124

Name of provider Boomerang Kids Ltd

Date of previous inspection 10 December 2009

Telephone number 01273 390900

Boomerang Kids registered in 2005 and is located in Saltdean, Brighton and Hove. It is open five days a week, from 8am to 6pm, for 50 weeks of the year. The setting receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The setting has 24 staff; of these, 20 have childcare qualifications from level 2 to level 6. The manager holds Early Years Professional Status.

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