

Little Rascals 2 (Nursery)

12 Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NU



Inspection date

Previous inspection date

15 August 2016

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Staff provide an exceptional range of high-quality and age-appropriate toys and activities for children. Children are extremely motivated to explore and investigate. They make excellent progress in relation to their starting points.
- Management and staff monitor and track children's progress precisely to identify any gaps and carefully plan for their next steps in learning. For example, they find out about children's individual interests and very skilfully incorporate these in their planning to ensure all children catch up with their peers.
- Children are exceptionally happy and display very high levels of involvement. For example, they smile and laugh with each other and the staff, and are confident to explore the exciting environment and to make individual choices during their play.
- Staff support young children to learn about healthy lifestyles extremely effectively. For example, children enjoy very nutritious meals and snacks, and have immense fun as they engage in physical play in the fresh air, such as digging for worms.
- Staff are excellent role models and work extremely well together to encourage positive behaviour. For example, they praise children consistently for good sharing and listening. In addition, they continually respect and celebrate their individual backgrounds.
- Leadership of the nursery is exceptional and managers place an extremely high priority on the well-being of staff and children. Staff receive excellent professional support and training to support the exceptionally positive outcomes for children consistently well.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue with plans to strengthen the existing excellent partnerships with parents to further their active involvement in all aspects of the nursery even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children playing and interacting together, both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector held a meeting with the owner and manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gain their feedback.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents, including evidence of staff suitability, training certificates, and nursery policies and procedures.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Caroline Gibbons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The well-qualified and highly professional management team is fully committed to providing high-quality care and learning for young children. It involves staff as it carefully evaluates the nursery. For example, staff change the nursery environment regularly, and introduce new materials and challenges to excite and fascinate the children. There are interesting plans to involve and engage parents even further. Staff place an extremely high priority on moving children successfully between the two nurseries and completely involve parents fully in this process. Safeguarding is effective. All staff receive excellent training to update their knowledge and management regularly tests them on their understanding. They are extremely clear about the procedures to follow if they have concerns about the welfare of children or families.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children thrive in this highly welcoming and stimulating environment. For example, they excitedly use their hands and tools to explore ice, cornflour and cereals, and are highly curious as they investigate materials, such as rattan and silk. Staff extend children's learning extremely effectively and have high expectations for all children. For example, they add new words, such as 'solar light', 'telescope' and 'turtle', during role play. Staff skilfully identify and use all learning opportunities. For example, they explain how children can share a scarf by holding each 'corner' and provide miniature carrier bags for children to transport toys around the room. They introduce excellent early mathematics awareness, such as when they measure children against the growing sunflower.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

All staff are incredibly patient and nurturing. For example, they display photographs of children's families and favourite toys to help them settle. In addition, staff work exceptionally well together as children move between rooms, sharing comprehensive details about children's interests. Staff work very closely with parents. For example, they share photos and videos of children's daily activities and celebrate important successes at home. Staff work extremely closely with other professionals and settings that children attend. For instance, they plan specifically well for children who require extra support and monitor their progress together.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children are extremely settled and show exceptionally high levels of self-esteem. They are highly confident with the routines of the nursery. For example, toddlers eagerly go to wash their hands before eating and manage their cutlery extremely well. Babies and young children join in enthusiastically with songs and are extremely keen to explore and use the musical instruments. All children are extremely keen to engage in learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY481702
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	988770
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 3
Total number of places	51
Number of children on roll	60
Name of registered person	Little Rascals Nurseries LLP
Registered person unique reference number	RP910176
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01892313245

Little Rascals 2 (Nursery) is one of two nurseries run by the same company. It registered in 2014. The nursery is situated in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. It is open each weekday from 7.30 am to 6.30pm, for 51 weeks of the year. There are 23 members of staff. Of these, five staff are qualified to degree level, two staff hold early years professional status and 12 staff hold early years qualifications at level 3.

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