Cruwys Cherubs Nursery



Whyteleafe Football Club, 15 Church Road, Whyteleafe, Surrey, CR3 0AR

Inspection date1 JulyPrevious inspection date22 Ma		2016 2013	
The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Requires improvement	3

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The provider is in breach of some requirements. She has not recognised her responsibilities to ensure that all staff complete the required suitability checks and has not notified Ofsted of required information.
- Managers do not implement effective systems to observe and assess children's learning to help monitor their progress and plan accurately for their future learning.
- The quality of teaching is variable. There is only a small number of staff who are key persons to a large number of children. Other staff lack understanding of children's next steps in learning to ensure they provide them with sufficient support and challenge. Children do not make the best possible progress.
- Managers do not use self-evaluation well enough to identify weaknesses, including breaches in requirements, to target future improvements.

It has the following strengths

- Children are happy and settled. They develop secure relationships with staff and each other. Children make choices about their play from the range of activities and resources available. They develop their own ideas during their free play.
- Staff have a sound understanding of how to safeguard children. They are knowledgeable of how to support children's health, safety and well-being.
- Children learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. For example, they enjoy fresh air and sport activities in the outdoor area, such as football sessions.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage the provider must:

		Due Date
	ensure that the required Disclosure and Barring Service checks are completed for every person who works with the children	15/07/2016
•	make better use of observation and assessment to identify children's achievements and to plan for their future progress, and develop the quality of teaching to ensure all staff understand how to provide effective support and challenge, in particular in relation to children's next steps in learning, to help them make consistently good progress.	30/09/2016

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

- strengthen the key-person approach to ensure it is fully effective in meeting children's individual needs
- make effective use of self-evaluation to identify weaknesses and breaches in requirements to target future improvements.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed joint observations with the deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the deputy manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the nursery's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management requires improvement

Safeguarding is effective. Staff know what to do if they should have concerns about children's welfare. They are aware of safeguarding issues and the importance of working with other professionals if needed to help protect children's welfare. The provider has not ensured she has followed the correct procedures for checking all staff's suitability. One new member of staff has not completed the required suitability checks. However, there is no impact on children's welfare as staff are always supervised. The provider has failed to notify Ofsted of changes that could affect her suitability. However, there has been no impact on the day-to-day operation of the nursery. Managers provide some support to staff, including encouraging them to undertake training. However, they do not use self-evaluation well enough to identify improvements to help raise the quality of the provision, teaching and children's learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

The key-person approach does not support effective observation, assessment and planning to monitor children's progress and identify their next steps in learning accurately. Although staff generally have a suitable understanding of child development, they do not always support children's learning well enough due to their lack of knowledge about individual children. Staff do not always have sufficient knowledge of the aim of activities or children's individual next steps in learning to provide effective support and challenge. However, children enjoy some suitable interaction that helps them develop some skills, ready for school. For example, children learnt about counting and numbers during role play in the 'shop'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

Staff do not always organise routines effectively to support children's learning. For example, staff help children to cut fruit at snack time one at a time but the large number of children results in long waiting times where they are not purposefully engaged in learning. Staff have a warm and caring approach. They support children's confidence well, such as through their use of positive praise for children's efforts and achievements. Children develop some independence skills, such as visiting the toilet by themselves.

Outcomes for children require improvement

Children do not make consistently good progress to prepare them effectively for the next stage in their learning. Some activities do not motivate children's learning well enough. For example, not all children are fully engaged in some large-group activities. Some children become restless and do not concentrate or listen well. Children develop some positive social skills. For example, they behave appropriately and use good manners. They learn to use their imaginations and practise small physical skills, such as using dough to make models.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY425885
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	1028711
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	80
Name of registered person	Jean Ann Cruwys
Registered person unique reference number	RP512431
Date of previous inspection	22 May 2013
Telephone number	0208 763 3630

Cruwys Cherubs Nursery registered in 2011. It is located in Whyteleafe, Surrey. The nursery operates Monday to Friday during term times between 9am and 3pm. It receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 15 members of staff. Of these, one member of staff is a qualified teacher and a further 12 staff hold relevant early years qualifications at level 2 or above.

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