

Hopscotch Nursery

50 Steyning Avenue, Peacehaven, East Sussex, BN10 8HN



Inspection date

4 October 2016

Previous inspection date

1 July 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- The quality of teaching is exemplary. Staff skilfully build on children's own ideas in play and consistently encourage them to think and solve problems. Children delight in working things out for themselves and develop extremely positive attitudes to learning. All children make excellent progress in their learning from their starting points.
- The manager is a truly exceptional leader. Her enthusiasm and continuous ambition for improvement are reflected in all aspects of the setting. She leads an enthusiastic team that is completely committed to achieving the highest quality of practice.
- Staff are exceptionally caring and attentive to all children's needs. Children are extremely happy and secure. Staff act as excellent role models and children behave exceptionally well. All staff use exemplary methods to encourage children to listen to and respect each other such as independently using sand timers to manage time fairly.
- Staff provide parents with extensive support. For example, they continuously share children's next steps in learning and suggest exciting activities to help them further support learning at home. Parents are extremely complimentary about the setting and comment on how completely involved they are in their children's learning.
- The manager and staff work together to monitor children's development extremely closely. They ensure that all children make consistently high rates of progress, and any gaps in learning are acted on immediately. This fully supports all groups of children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to build on the already excellent learning opportunities, to support children's early language development even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practice and the impact this had on children's learning.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector read some of the setting's documentation, including the safeguarding policy and procedure.
- The inspector sampled children's development information and records.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The inspirational manager and her highly qualified staff team have worked exceptionally hard to help raise their practice to an outstanding level. For example, they introduced a new online system for assessing children's development. Staff now make expert use of assessments to ensure that they provide the highest levels of challenge to all children. The manager precisely identifies areas to improve such as supporting children's excellent early language development even further. Staff receive extensive training and coaching to help consistently improve children's outcomes. Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures that all staff receive high levels of training to help develop their excellent understanding of how to deal with any child protection concerns. Risk assessments of children's learning environments are extremely thorough and all risks are minimised.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff provide an extremely welcoming and well-planned environment. There are inspiring opportunities and resources for play, exploration and discovery both indoors and outdoors. For example, children delight in investigating insects they find in the garden. Staff encourage children to carefully observe them using magnifying glasses, comparing their number of legs, colour and size to identify them. Staff support mathematical skills exceptionally well. For example, younger children excitedly make squares by adding two triangles together and older children identify complex shapes such as octagons.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff value children's achievements highly and children develop a strong sense of self-esteem. For example, they celebrate together after working out which toys sink and float in the water tray. Children thrive on responsibilities, such as preparing their snacks, and have an outstanding understanding of healthy lifestyles. Staff run workshops with parents to support them in continuing healthy choices at home and provide inspirational healthy cooking activities. Children are extremely physically active and thoroughly enjoy regular exercise such as daily 'run a mile' sessions. Staff are exceptionally attentive to children's care needs and work closely with them to support their toileting and self-care.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are exceptionally confident, highly motivated to learn and develop extremely positive attitudes to learning. They show high levels of curiosity, for example babies thoroughly enjoy exploring the different textures of natural objects. Children have an impressive understanding of technology and skilfully complete computer programs. They show excellent imagination in their play such as when booking appointments and taking payments in the role-play hairdressers. Children skilfully write their names and rapidly gain the skills needed for their next stages in learning and for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY455751
Local authority	East Sussex
Inspection number	1063158
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	60
Number of children on roll	130
Name of registered person	ACPH Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP532126
Date of previous inspection	1 July 2013
Telephone number	01273 584 250

Hopscotch Nursery re-registered in 2012. It operates in Peacehaven, East Sussex. It is open between 8am and 5.30pm each weekday, all year round. The setting employs 16 staff. Of whom, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 6, nine at level 3 and two at level 2. The setting receives government funding for children aged two, three and four years.

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