

Tilly's Preschool Limited

The David Weir Leisure Centre, Tweeddale Road, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 1SL



Inspection date

3 November 2016

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide stimulating and interesting activities that engage and challenge children well. All children, including those who are learning English as an additional language and those who have special educational needs, make good progress from their starting points.
- Staff support children to behave well and to respect one another. Children know the routines well, play cooperatively and their behaviour is good.
- Staff are sensitive to children's individual needs and interests. They form positive relationships with children and their parents. Children settle quickly into their care.
- Partnerships with parents and other settings children move on to are strong. The regular sharing of information provides continuity for children.
- Staff place a strong focus on keeping children safe. For example, they supervise children effectively and make regular risk assessments of the premises and activities.
- The newly appointed manager, provider and staff are enthusiastic and work hard to implement improvements to the service they provide. They gain parents' and children's views and use these to make positive changes to improve outcomes for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, staff miss opportunities to extend children's counting skills and awareness of numbers.
- Sometimes, staff do things for children that they can do for themselves and do not fully support children's growing independence.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend children's awareness of numbers and counting during play
- increase opportunities for children to try things for themselves to develop their independence further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the areas used by the pre-school.
- The inspector observed children and staff during play and completed a joint observation with the provider.
- The inspector examined a sample of documents, policies and children's records.
- The inspector spoke with parents, staff and children to gain their views.
- The inspector discussed the setting's self-evaluation process with the provider and the manager.

Inspector

Alison Southard

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. For example, the management team follows rigorous procedures to check the suitability of staff and to help them to understand their roles and responsibilities. Staff are very confident about the procedures to follow if they have concerns for a child's welfare. They are alert to indicators to prevent children being drawn into situations that put them at significant risk of harm. The manager and the provider support staff effectively to develop their skills and knowledge and to make continuous improvements. For instance, staff recently learned sign language to support all children's communication and language skills. The management team monitors children's progress well. The team holds regular meetings and discussions to share its findings with parents to help involve them in their children's learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The well-qualified staff complete meaningful observations and accurate assessments of children's development. They use this information to plan for any gaps in children's learning effectively. For example, they use a range of strategies, such as sign language, to support children who are learning English as an additional language and those who have special educational needs. Staff provide children with good opportunities to develop their thinking skills. For instance, staff ask children to recall the characters and events in stories they read. Staff provide plenty of opportunities for children to develop their creative skills and imaginative play. For example, children create pictures using paint and straws, pretend to go shopping, and enjoy singing and exploring a range of instruments.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff encourage children to explore the environment and make choices in their play. They support children to develop an awareness of safety. For instance, staff regularly practise the evacuation drill and help children to learn about keeping themselves safe in the environment. Staff provide children with plenty of opportunities to develop their physical well-being. For instance, children regularly play indoors on the soft-play equipment and have daily outdoor play. Staff teach children to develop good hygiene practices and to eat healthily.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress from their starting points. Children of all ages enjoy looking at books. They enjoy exploring different ways to develop their early writing skills and to recognise familiar words such as their names. Children learn about the wider world. For instance, children talk about differences and similarities between themselves and others, and they learn about different festivals. Children develop the skills they need in readiness for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY489457
Local authority	Sutton
Inspection number	1075481
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 3
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Tilly's Preschool Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP902455
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07515379323

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