

Little Angels Day Nursery

56-58 Shepherd Street, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 9PT



Inspection date

10 November 2016

Previous inspection date

24 January 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 management team uses highly effective processes to monitor the progress of individuals and groups of children and uses these to highlight any gaps in their learning. Staff know children extremely well and act swiftly to address any gaps in their learning to help them make rapid progress and prepare them for the move to school.
- The manager uses a range of highly successful strategies to monitor all aspects of the setting. The manager and all staff embrace improvements enthusiastically and are committed to evaluating all aspects of the setting to maintain continuous improvement.
- Staff place a very sharp focus on helping children to develop their language and thinking skills. The well-qualified staff use their training and experience exceptionally well to provide expert support for all children, including those who have special educational needs or a disability and those who speak English as an additional language.
- Children's behaviour is exemplary. Children are particularly kind towards each other and go out of their way to help their friends. Staff support children's positive behaviour extremely well.
- All staff fully encourage and value partnership working with parents and other professionals. This extremely positive approach supports children's learning exceptionally well. Parents give high praise for the accurate information they receive about their children's progress.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the existing wide range of opportunities to enable children to further extend their understanding of technology.

Inspection activities

- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager and discussed children's learning following the observation.
- The inspector spoke with children, parents, staff and managers at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed documentation, including children's development folders and staff records.
- The inspector observed activities in all areas of the nursery.

Inspector

Lesley Hodges

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have an excellent understanding of their role in safeguarding children and this underpins all aspects of their practice. They know the signs that a child may be at risk of harm, including from extreme views, and have an excellent understanding of how to make timely referrals. Staff thoroughly risk assess all areas and activities to provide the safest possible environment for children. They plan meticulously so that children can learn to use a range of resources, such as scissors and hammers, safely. The manager makes excellent use of supervision meetings with staff to maintain outstanding practice across the nursery.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff are particularly skilled at using all opportunities to help children think. For example, when a toy is broken, children suggest ways to mend it and staff ask them how they can test if it is fixed. Staff expertly model language for children and this helps them to build their vocabulary. Children excitedly take part in fully interactive story times which help to encourage their early interest in literacy. Staff are animated as they tell stories and this helps children to learn new words in an entertaining way. Children develop an excellent understanding of the world around them. For example, they eagerly place weather symbols on a colourful map and point to where they live. Overall, children have varied opportunities to experiment with and learn more about technology.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff are excellent role models for children. Children feel fully safe and secure and build extremely close and warm supportive bonds with staff. Children understand and respect each other's needs. For example, older children thoughtfully help their younger friends to understand the routines, such as when they point to the clock to explain when they will be going to play upstairs. Staff provide challenging activities that support children's good health. For example, children confidently make lists of the healthy food items they want to buy for their snack when they go to the local shops. Children enthusiastically enjoy physical play in the exciting outside area each day. Staff provide creative and highly effective methods to help children manage tasks, such as the 'tissue station' where they learn to use and dispose of tissues hygienically.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are extremely confident and they thrive in this welcoming and vibrant setting. From an early age they develop great motivation, independence and self-awareness, such as thinking about the weather and deciding if they need to wear their coat. Children recognise and write their names with great confidence and pride. They delight in identifying numbers and proudly name shapes as they play.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY447669
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1062637
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	28
Number of children on roll	54
Name of registered person	Danous Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP530093
Date of previous inspection	24 January 2013
Telephone number	01474356115

Little Angels Day Nursery registered in 2012. It operates from a converted building in a residential area of Northfleet, Kent. The nursery is open each weekday from 9am to 4pm during term times and children can stay for lunch if required. There are currently nine members of staff, all of whom are qualified. The provider has qualified teacher status and the manager and another member of staff hold early years qualifications at level 4. The nursery provides free early years education for children aged two, three and four years.

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