

Kidz Choice Nursery

St. James Church, East Barnet Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 8RN



Inspection date

30 November 2016

Previous inspection date

7 October 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 are highly committed to keeping children safe and are very vigilant. They are confident of what procedures to follow if they have a concern.
- The setting provides a welcoming and caring environment. Key persons have an in-depth knowledge of the children that they care for. They plan relevant activities that help the children progress on to the next stage of their learning.
- Children are eager to participate and they concentrate well. They display good behaviour and social skills.
- Parents report that they feel well-informed about the progress their children make and that the setting supports them to help their children at home.
- The setting provides healthy and nutritious fresh meals, cooked on site. Children enjoy going out to shop for ingredients and preparing their own healthy snacks.
- Children make good progress and are supported to be independent. Older children have started to write their own name and pour their own drinks, for example.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The setting's self-evaluation routines do not yet include the opinions of others, such as staff or children, to help identify areas they would like to see improved.
- Young babies do not have as many opportunities as older children, to enjoy outdoor play activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve systems for self-evaluation to include the views of others to help identify areas that they would like improved
- create more opportunities for babies to enjoy outdoor play..

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with staff, parents and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff's interactions with children during a range of activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents and policies, including the suitability checks of staff, site safety and child protection.
- The inspector looked at children's records and the arrangements for observation, assessment and planning for children.
- The inspector completed a joint observation of a staff member with the manager.

Inspector

Jennifer McStravick

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Managers follow rigorous procedures to ensure staff suitability. Arrangements for supervision enable staff to improve and to use training to enhance their skills further. Staff report that they feel well supported and this results in a low turnover of staff. The setting utilises various methods to keep parents informed about their children's progress, including daily books for the parents of babies, parents' evenings and newsletters. Parents report that they feel well-informed and that their children are safe. The manager of the setting provides specific sessions for parents of older children to understand how to help their children at home, how their children learn and what to expect during their move into school. Parents say that they greatly appreciate this help.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff collect information about children before they start and this helps them to settle quickly. Staff complete regular observations and tracking of children. They plan relevant and challenging activities that help children move on to their next stage of learning. The rooms are well organised to meet the needs of children of various ages. Staff generally provide a good balance of organised activities with play led by the children's interests. As a result, children make good progress and are eager to learn. For example, children enjoyed experimenting with ice forming in the garden, sorting and stacking coloured blocks, and learning songs for the Christmas concert.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Managers and staff provide a warm and nurturing environment for all children. Children form close bonds with staff, who set high expectations for their behaviour. Children are polite and caring towards each other, sharing toys and often helping each other, such as clearing up their plates at lunchtime. They are supported to be independent, such as washing their own hands and putting on their coats and hats. The setting uses external providers to organise sessions to help children develop new skills. Older children have appropriate outdoor exercise in the courtyard area, although this not always the case for younger babies. Managers and staff plan activities to develop children's understanding of the similarities and differences in their local community. Parents are encouraged to share their heritage, for example, sharing food to celebrate religious festivals.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress. Babies are well supported to enable them to feel secure and learn new skills, for example, saying their first words. Older children are well prepared for school; they are able to follow instructions and can read and write their own name. Their number, speaking and listening skills also develop well.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY382784
Local authority	Barnet
Inspection number	1062223
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	45
Name of registered person	Kidz Choice Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP520771
Date of previous inspection	7 October 2013
Telephone number	0208 440 5571

Kidz Choice Nursery registered in 2008. It operates from a building attached to a church in New Barnet, in the London Borough of Barnet. It is open every weekday from 8am until 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery supports children who have special educational needs or disability and those who are learning English as an additional language.

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