

Little Explorers Daycare Nursery Trading As Little Adventurers Day Care Nursery

24 Severn Drive, Upminster, Essex, RM14 1SW



Inspection date	5 June 2017
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

- The provider monitors children's progress effectively. She identifies and supports children who have any gaps in their learning. Children make good progress from their individual starting points.
- Children form strong bonds and attachments with staff. They settle quickly and staff know them very well. Children are happy, confident and independent.
- Leadership of the provision is strong. The provider identifies strengths and weaknesses and these help to improve the provision and outcomes for children. For instance, the garden is well resourced and good initiatives are in place to support children's health.
- Staff work very well with parents to help meet children's individual needs. For instance, parents attend parents' forums to discuss ways to improve practice. They attend community days to develop strong links with staff and other parents.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, some staff do not make the best use of opportunities to extend children's understanding of mathematics and problem-solving further.
- On occasions, some staff do not make the most of opportunities to extend children's learning even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more challenging opportunities for children to develop and extend their skills in mathematics
- enable all staff to consistently make the most of learning opportunities as they arise, to support children's learning further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector talked with parents, the provider, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the staff's interactions during activities indoors and outdoors and looked at a range of resources and equipment.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's details, learning records, insurance and other relevant documentation.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the provider.
- The inspector had discussions with the provider about policies and procedures and methods of assessing and planning for children's progress. The inspector also discussed how staff work with parents and other providers.

Inspector

Caroline Preston

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff know how to identify and report any concerns about a child's welfare. They carry out regular risk assessments of the environment. Staff are well supported to develop their professional practice. They attend supervisory meetings and undertake further training. For example, they have improved how they support children's physical development and how they plan the learning environment. The provider supports children who need extra support well. For example, staff provide them with smaller group activities and individual care. Parents and grandparents are full of praise for the way that the children are welcomed and for their learning and care.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff have high expectations of the children and know them well. Staff complete observations and assessments of children's learning. They support children's physical development well. For example, children take part in 'wake and shake movement time' each morning. They enjoy outdoor play and climb, run, jump and move freely. Staff encourage children to learn about the world and the natural environment. For instance, they enjoy growing plants and vegetables. Staff support children's understanding of life cycles. Children keep a 'chick diary' and photograph what happens as the eggs hatch. Staff encourage children's literacy skills well. For instance, children draw and write a 'chick poster', and write and record what they have borrowed from the lending library. Younger babies make marks with shaving foam and make track marks in the paint.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff encourage children to do something healthy each week, to help support their knowledge of healthy lifestyles. For instance, children take home the nursery bear and draw or write about what they have done, such as making vegetable soup. Staff provide healthy and nutritious snacks. Staff take children for trips locally to support their understanding of the world and people around them. For instance, they enjoy their special adventure to the local school to look at the rocket in the playground. Children meet people who help us, such as the local police, a guide dog, a nurse, a vet and a lollipop person. Staff prepare children well as they move on to their next room.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are well prepared for their next stage of learning, including school. For example, they manipulate dough and make shapes to represent objects they know, such as cupcakes. Younger babies enjoy exploring different textures, such as different coloured spaghetti. They enjoy pretend play in the 'mud kitchen'. Children behave well with each other, and they share and take turns. They learn to respect each other's differences and similarities.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY485750
Local authority	Havering
Inspection number	1010337
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	52
Number of children on roll	102
Name of registered person	Little Explorers Day Care Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP534308
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07594 446181

Little Explorers Daycare Nursery Trading As Little Adventurers Day Care Nursery registered in 2015. It is situated in Upminster, in the London Borough of Havering. The nursery opens from 7.30am to 6.30pm, for 51 weeks a year. The provider employs 28 staff, of whom 26 hold a relevant childcare qualification between level 2 and level 8. The provider is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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