

Little Teddies Nursery

12 Bowlers Croft, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3EG



Inspection date	8 June 2017
Previous inspection date	16 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 have a secure knowledge of how children learn. Accurate observation, assessment and planning for individual children helps to ensure that they continue to progress well in their learning and development.
- Staff use a calm and consistent approach to managing children's behaviour. They support children to find appropriate solutions when minor disagreements occur.
- Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported. Staff draw on the expertise of a wide range of other professionals to ensure that children's care and learning needs are fully met.
- Partnership with parents, external agencies and schools are successful. Various strategies are used to engage parents, share information and further support children's learning at home. Parents praise the care and learning that their children receive.
- Effective self-evaluation helps staff as they continually strive to improve the good service for children and their families.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not make the best use of the outdoor environment to support the learning and development of those children who prefer to learn outdoors.
- Occasionally, staff do not use opportunities to ask questions that test out and challenge children's thinking, in order to further enhance their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop the outdoor provision, providing children who prefer to learn outdoors with inspiring opportunities for learning and play
- enhance teaching skills, providing more opportunities to challenge children's thinking and extend their learning even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the nursery manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nursery manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Tina Mason

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff have an in-depth understanding of child protection issues and are confident to report any concerns about adults or children. Rigorous recruitment and ongoing monitoring helps to ensure that staff are suitable and have the skills they need to fulfil their roles and responsibilities. Over half of the staff team holds a paediatric first-aid qualification. This helps to support children's well-being in the event of an accident. Staffing ratios and good staff deployment means that children are very well supervised. Detailed risk assessments are used to ensure that any hazards to children are identified and minimised or removed. The nursery manager monitors children's progress. She uses additional funding well to support children's individual needs and interests and extend their learning further.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff support the communication and language skills of the youngest children in an effective way. They model key words and use effective strategies, such as getting down to children's eye level when talking to them. A wide range of activities is provided indoors that reflect children's interests and their current stages of development. Children's exploration and investigation skills are promoted well. Young children enjoy the sensations of playing with resources, such as sand. Older children enjoying blowing bubbles and explore the patterns created.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are happy and content. They confidently explore the environment, working and playing together well. The baby room is a peaceful, welcoming environment. Staff are attentive and offer good support for babies' play and explorations. All children enjoy healthy meals and snacks, and they learn about good hygiene practices. Children have opportunities to build on their physical development and staff supervise their play and keep them safe. Children demonstrate good behaviour. They follow instructions well and are encouraged to share and take turns with each other. Staff praise children's efforts and increase their sense of self-esteem.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are developing their communication and language, writing and number skills in readiness for school. Older children enjoy counting and challenging their mathematical thinking. Younger children can skilfully use a variety of tools, for instance, as they create colourful collage pictures with the support of staff. Babies develop their physical skills as they explore the environment around them. All children make independent choices and they help themselves to resources, pour their own drinks and choose their preference of foods at mealtimes.

Setting details

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Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	1099645
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	49
Number of children on roll	49
Name of registered person	Little Teddies Nursery (Enfield) Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP532384
Date of previous inspection	16 October 2013
Telephone number	01268 524413

Little Teddies Nursery registered in 2013. It operates from a converted industrial unit in Basildon, Essex. The nursery employs nine members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3, one at level 4 and one at level 6. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 7am until 7pm, except for bank holidays. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three-, and four-year old children.

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