

# Smarty Pants Day Nursery

1 Plashet Road, Plaistow, London, E13 0PZ



## Inspection date

14 June 2017

Previous inspection date

24 November 2014

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 leadership and management of the nursery are inspirational. The management team works exceptionally hard to continually improve the provision. This has an extremely positive bearing on all aspects of children's care, learning and development.
- Staff use their knowledge well to provide innovative activities that enthuse, excite and engage children's imagination and interest. Children consistently show high levels of curiosity and concentration. All children make exceptional progress from their starting points.
- Staff provide children with consistent praise and encouragement. This builds on children's self-esteem. Staff help younger children to learn how to share popular toys and to respect each other's feelings, which supports their good social skills.
- Partnerships with parents are extremely strong. Parents are overwhelmingly positive in their feedback about the service they receive. They feel their children are very well cared for and learn exceptionally well. They state that they are very well informed about their children's progress and fully involved in their next steps in learning.
- Staff have established exemplary partnerships with other professionals. This helps to provide continuity and is highly effective in supporting children and families.
- The nursery is clean and well organised. Extremely good risk assessment ensures that the premises are safe for children's use.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to review the effectiveness of the methods used to assess the progress of individual and different groups of children and monitor the impact that this has on children's already excellent learning.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children as they played and took part in daily routines.
- The inspector spoke with children, staff and the managers at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at children's progress records, planning documentation, evidence of the suitability of staff and a wide range of other documents, including policies and procedures.
- The inspector took account of the views of the parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.

**Inspector**  
Claire Nunn

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The management team leads by example and supervises staff very closely to improve their practice. For example, it recognises the individual skills of staff and encourages them to review their work and access training to benefit children's learning. Staff share any knowledge gained through training with the rest of the team to enhance teaching practices. The management team and staff demonstrate a dedicated drive to evaluate and continuously improve the service they provide. Children and parents are involved in the self-evaluation process. For example, they were actively involved in recent improvements to the outside area. Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff have an excellent knowledge and understanding of how to help protect children from harm.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff provide a well-thought-out learning environment indoors and outside. Children make choices about where and what they play with from an abundance of stimulating resources that ignites their interests and promotes their creativity. Children delight at the opportunities to play outdoors and they effectively use their physical skills, for instance, to mix ingredients together in the mud kitchen. Parents contribute to initial assessments and are kept well informed about their children's ongoing progress. Assessments are used by the management team to focus on the progress of individual and groups of children. It is keen to develop this further and help any gaps to close even more rapidly. Staff use a superb range of methods to engage parents in their children's learning. For example, they offer excellent ideas for enjoyable activities using learning bags to support children's learning at home.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The friendly staff ensure that children and parents are valued and respected. Well-planned settling-in procedures help children to settle quickly. Staff help children to make healthy choices. For example, they remind them to have frequent drinks of water when the weather is hot. Children's behaviour is excellent. They are kind, respectful and play cooperatively together. Staff consistently act as positive role models and set clear expectations for behaviour. Children learn the skills needed to manage risks, such as climbing on tyres, hunting for bugs and using tools safely.

### Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are confident, capable and eager learners who relish their time at the nursery. They enjoy being with others and engaging in an excellent range of activities. For example, they enjoy practising their early writing and mathematical skills, and thoroughly enjoy listening to stories. This helps them prepare for the next stage in their learning.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	132379
<b>Local authority</b>	Newham
<b>Inspection number</b>	1070242
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	64
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	52
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Jase Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP519294
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	24 November 2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	020 8471 2620

Smarty Pants Day Nursery registered in 1995. The nursery is situated in converted premises in Upton Park, in the London Borough of Newham. The nursery is open from 8am to 6pm, all year round. The provider receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery currently supports children who are learning to speak English as an additional language and children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The nursery employs 13 members of childcare staff. Of these, 12 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above, including two who hold early years professional status.

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