

York Gardens Nursery

York Gardens Children Centre, Lavender Road, London, SW11 2UG



Inspection date

28 June 2017

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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

- Children make exceptional progress. Staff offer children a vast range of carefully prepared and highly stimulating activities which comprehensively covers all areas of learning. They observe children thoroughly and use this information very effectively to provide highly challenging tasks and experiences.
- Staff support children's creative development in excellent ways. For instance, they provide children with independent access to a very wide range of textures, materials and tools which they use in very flexible ways to create highly imaginative artwork.
- The managers monitor the nursery vigilantly. They regularly observe staff and provide thorough feedback to provide precise ways to enhance practice. They check planning and assessment records thoroughly and keep a very close eye on children's progress to provide exceptional additional tailored support, as needed.
- Staff have excellent partnerships with parents and others involved in children's learning. For instance, they offer advice and support to parents by providing workshops on different early years issues. They use a range of highly effective ways to give parents regular updates on their children's progress.
- The management team reflects carefully and thoroughly on all aspects of nursery practice and forms highly relevant goals to build ongoing improvement.
- Children behave in excellent ways. Staff use highly effective approaches to manage behaviour extremely well.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop the already excellent provision for children who learn best outside to further increase their understanding of the natural world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager of a group activity.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the staff and children, and spoke with children when appropriate.
- The inspector tracked the progress of several children.
- The inspector looked at some documentation and held a discussion with the management team.
- The inspector spoke with parents, staff and children and considered their views.

Inspector

Jennifer Beckles

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Staff have exceptional relationships with others involved in children's care and learning to help children make superb progress. Staff are extremely vigilant around children's safety. They help to ensure minimal risk of accident by carrying out very thorough checks on all parts of the nursery, including resources. Staff are vetted comprehensively to help ensure the utmost suitability to their roles. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a thorough knowledge of the procedures to follow should they have any concerns around a child's welfare. The management team is very strongly committed to the continual enrichment of staff skills and knowledge. Staff have attended a broad and varied range of courses, such as supporting children who have special educational needs, which has led to more highly effective approaches used by staff.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff teach children excellent early mathematical skills. For example, children can confidently match quantities of objects to the corresponding number, have excellent counting skills, and some can perform simple addition and subtraction. Children have exceptional early literacy skills. For instance, they have a very secure knowledge of letter names and sounds, and some are beginning to read simple words. Children have excellent physical development opportunities. They have great fun as they complete obstacle courses, climb and balance, and learn good physical coordination skills. The management team recognises that the outdoor area could be enhanced even further to provide more ways for children to learn about the natural world for those who learn best outdoors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are very independent. For instance, they serve themselves at mealtimes and even the youngest children can put on different items of clothing by themselves. Children are very motivated to learn and are extremely confident. They have very strong relationships with staff, who value them highly as individuals. Children settle exceptionally well. They have superb levels of safety awareness. For example, they remind each other of the dangers of not using the rocker outdoors safely and have excellent knowledge of road safety. Children have exceptional daily routines, such as taking part in physical challenges outdoors and eating well to support their health and well-being.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are excellent communicators and have a wide vocabulary. They respect themselves and have a high regard for others from different cultures and backgrounds. Children confidently and independently use technology to operate simple programs. They learn excellent skills to support their future learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY489777
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	1014641
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	2 - 4
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	46
Name of registered person	The Play People Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP534640
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	02072233392

York Gardens Nursery originally opened in 2013 and re-registered in 2015 to reflect the change in the company. It is located in Battersea, in the London Borough of Wandsworth. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 5pm, during term time only. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children age two and three years. There are seven members of staff, including the manager, six of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications. Of these, one holds early years professional status, two hold qualifications in early years management at level 5, two hold level 3 early years qualifications, and one member of staff holds a level 2 early years qualification.

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