Heaton Park Nursery

315 Middleton Road, Higher Blackley, Manchester, M24 4GY



Inspection date Previous inspection date	19 July 2017 31 August 2016		
The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
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 enthusiastic and passionate leadership team is committed to continually making improvements. They have worked hard to achieve a good standard since the last inspection. Self-evaluation is used well and helps to make positive changes that improve outcomes for children.
- The nursery has a real homely feel and the environment is welcoming and stimulating. Children are confident, happy and settle quickly. They form close bonds with friendly and caring staff who know them well. Children receive individual care and support which helps them to feel safe and secure.
- The quality of teaching is generally good. The highly qualified staff plan stimulating and exciting activities based on children's interests and learning needs. Children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are supported extremely well. This contributes towards good progress from their skills and capabilities on entry.
- Parents speak very highly of the nursery staff and facilities. Staff keep them updated with all aspects of children's care and learning. Staff truly value parental input and suggest ways to help parents to support children's learning at home.
- Children develop a good sense of empathy and consideration for others. For example, they participate in fundraising activities throughout the year.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not provide consistent opportunities for children who speak English as an additional language to see, hear and use their home language in their play.
- Occasionally, staff do not fully stretch the mathematical learning of some children who could learn even more.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children who speak English as an additional language to see, hear and use their home language
- stretch and challenge the mathematical understanding of those children capable of learning even more.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured all areas of the nursery. She observed the quality of teaching indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector held a meeting with the provider, manager and deputy manager and carried out an evaluation of teaching with the deputy manager.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as policies and procedures, children's records, reviewed the nursery's self-evaluation and checked evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents.

Inspector

Layla Davies

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Leaders ensure that staff are knowledgeable about how to promote children's welfare and keep them safe. The child protection policy and procedures are robust and are fully understood by all staff. Staff are well supported in their professional development. They have one-to-one meetings with managers to discuss their practice, children's progress and any other issues. Group meetings and peer observations provide opportunities for staff to share their expertise with each other. Training is targeted and has a positive impact on the quality of teaching. Leaders track the progress of individuals and groups of children. Any identified gaps in learning are immediately addressed and appropriate action is swiftly taken. Partnership working with external professionals is excellent. This contributes towards a high level of consistency in supporting children who have any specific needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff complete detailed observations and assessments of children's learning. They share these with parents. Babies eagerly explore technology toys. They press buttons and delight in listening to the musical sounds. This helps their understanding of cause and effect. Two-year-old's develop an awareness of the similarities and differences between themselves and others. They enjoy looking at their reflections in a mirror. They choose pictures of faces displaying a range of emotions to verbalise how they feel. This helps to support their emotional development. Pre-school children enthusiastically make their own pizza. They confidently use knives to cut up vegetables and spread tomato puree. Staff use the activity to ask open questions and encourage children to think and respond. Overall, this contributes towards their good communication and language skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The environment is well organised. Children independently access a wide range of goodquality toys and resources. Children behave extremely well. Staff use interesting methods to encourage positive behaviour. These include, a sensory calming wand. Children have excellent opportunities to challenge themselves and take some well-supervised risks. For example, older children skilfully scale a high climbing wall and adeptly use large apparatus outdoors. Staff reinforce positive hygiene routines. They teach children the benefits of making healthy food choices during social mealtimes. Handwashing and tooth brushing are encouraged.

Outcomes for children are good

Children display an interest in books. One way staff help to encourage this interest is by promoting a book of the month. Children demonstrate strong physical skills. They join in with regular activities, such as football sessions and ballet classes. All children, including children in receipt of additional funding develop many skills for future development. Staff acknowledge older children's transition to school during a graduation ceremony. This helps to celebrate their move towards their next stages in learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY492053	
Local authority	Manchester	
Inspection number	1072874	
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	0 - 4	
Total number of places	92	
Number of children on roll	86	
Name of registered person	Ashworth View Limited	
Registered person unique reference number	RP907123	
Date of previous inspection	31 August 2016	
Telephone number	0161 643 4276	

Heaton Park Nursery registered in 2015. The nursery opens from 7.30am until 6.30pm, on weekdays all year round, excluding bank holidays and one week at Christmas. The nursery employs 14 staff, including the manager. Of these, four members of staff hold a qualification at level 5 and six staff hold a qualification at level 3. The nursery provides funded early years education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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