

Fount Nursery

Fount Nursery, Railway Arch, 358-359 Westgate Street, London, E8 3RN



Inspection date

14 September 2017

Previous inspection date

19 May 2017

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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

- Partnerships with parents are extremely positive. The management team and staff have an impressive determination to support parents' involvement in the life of the setting and in their children's learning.
- The provider and managers are united in their commitment to offering an excellent provision. Their enthusiasm and dedication are immensely inspiring. They have worked incredibly hard since the previous inspection to swiftly and fully address concerns raised to ensure the safety and welfare of the children.
- The provider and managers have very high expectations of staff and for children's outcomes.
- Exceptional progress has been made since the last inspection to raise the quality of care and education.
- Children enjoy a highly stimulating environment, indoors and outdoors. The excellent organisation of unique resources encourages children to develop their learning independently as they play.
- All children, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, make outstanding progress in all areas of learning from their individual starting points. Parents of children who were below the expected levels of development in speaking on entry to the nursery comment that they are supported to catch up very quickly.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to implement plans to refine the excellent assessments of children's learning and development even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children taking part in a range of activities, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with staff and observed their teaching.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children to take account of their views.
- The inspector sampled a wide range of documentation, including staff suitability checks, children's development records and attendance registers.

Inspector

Christine Lamey

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The managers and staff team are highly experienced and trained to act on any concerns about children's welfare. There are rigorous procedures to ensure that children play in bright, clean and risk-free areas indoors and outdoors. Managers frequently assess the effectiveness of the learning environment. For example, changes to the layout of the large play space have enabled younger children to develop their independence and natural curiosity extremely well. Recent improvement plans are precise and ambitious. For example, managers are currently developing assessment processes to make these as precise and effective as possible. Managers are excellent mentors for the staff. For example, any teaching practices that are not as effective as they could be are immediately identified and staff rapidly learn how to make their already good practices excellent. They are highly responsive to children's differing needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Daily focused language and communication sessions support children who speak English as a second language, and those who have speech delay, extremely well. Staff read stories to the children with great enthusiasm. Children are extremely engaged with the stories as they eagerly finish familiar phrases and rhymes. Staff seize every opportunity to enable children to learn about numbers and early mathematics. For example, children compare size and weight as they weigh and count cups of soil in the mud kitchen. They are extremely busy learners who think critically, explore, discover, and display a 'have a go' attitude with a diverse range of play activities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children flourish in a meticulously planned environment that provides them with a safe place in which to learn and take risks. Staff skilfully support children to adopt healthy lifestyles. For example, they provide an excellent range of physical activities as well as a nutritious and healthy menu. Children learn about healthy options. For example, they discuss healthy eating as they make fruit kebabs. They concentrate for exceptionally long periods as they patiently and expertly push the fruit onto the skewers. Children have abundant opportunities to learn about the world around them and the community. For example, they make daily trips to various parks and farms and join in with exercise sessions at the community centre.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children relish attending this stimulating nursery and make excellent progress. The setting has a wonderful atmosphere which provides children with a homely and friendly child-centred environment. All children, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, gain excellent skills to help prepare them for their future learning, including their move to school. Younger children attempt new words with enthusiasm and take pride in their achievements as staff praise them highly. Older children learn to spell out simple words using letter sounds and write the first letters of their names independently.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY493558
Local authority	Hackney
Inspection number	1100604
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	56
Number of children on roll	55
Name of registered person	Fountnursery Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP903442
Date of previous inspection	19 May 2017
Telephone number	0207 241 5341

Fount Nursery registered in 2015. The nursery is situated in London Fields, in the London Borough of Hackney. It opens each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm for 50 weeks of the year. The nursery employs 27 staff, 23 of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications. The manager and one member of staff hold early years professional status and 21 staff hold qualifications from level 2 to level 6. The provider receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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