

Cherryli Nursery

40 Tyrwhitt Road, London, SE4 1QG



Inspection date	23 October 2017
Previous inspection date	14 February 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

- Safeguarding is effective and there is a strong culture of safety within the nursery.
- The manager employs an effective system of staff supervisory sessions to identify areas for staff development and improvement.
- Well qualified staff notice children's enjoyment for learning outdoors and organise suitable activities to extend their interests.
- Children eat a range of healthy foods and enjoy serving themselves and others at mealtimes.
- Staff are attune to any signs of delay in children's development and close any gaps so that children catch up and make good progress.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Group focus times are not fully effective in supporting the needs of the younger children.
- Staff do not make the best use of meaningful opportunities to teach phonics and mathematics, and to promote diversity.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the organisation of group focus times to ensure that activities are flexible and appropriate to the needs and development of all children
- further develop strategies to promote linking letters and sounds, mathematics and diversity in meaningful and practical ways.

Inspection activities

- The inspector sought the views of parents.
- The inspector carried out joint observations of teaching with the manager.
- The inspector interviewed staff about safeguarding matters and the progress of their key children.
- The inspector interviewed the provider and checked documentation relating to safeguarding and welfare.
- The inspector carried out wider observations of practice across a range of contexts, including lunchtime, snack time, indoor play and outdoor play.

Inspector

Jenny Griffiths

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff are secure in their knowledge of safeguarding protocols and procedures. The premises are clean, safe and secure and risk assessment processes are rigorous. Accident logs are carefully monitored and any additional risks are identified. Staff are effective in keeping children safe. Recruitment processes are robust and staff are suitably vetted. Parents comment favourably about the setting and their views are given due consideration. The physical environment is well organised to meet the needs of individual children of different ages. Children have time to enjoy the different features of the nursery, including the outdoor area. The manager is aware of any children who are at risk of falling behind and understands how to close any gaps in their learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff support children's communication and language skills effectively as they chat with children during mealtimes. Children at an earlier stage of language development are well supported. Skilled staff adapt and use gestures and simple sentences to engage younger children in talk and to support their understanding. Children love being outdoors and thrive in their learning. The nursery equips children with suitable clothing to keep them warm and dry as they play outdoors in all weathers. The outdoor area has been thoughtfully arranged. Activities engage children and promote their physical skills well. For example, children have a wide selection of wheeled vehicles to choose from which offers different levels of challenge. Staff support children effectively in their self-chosen activities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff and children share positive relationships and key persons know their key children very well. They note their strengths and are attentive to their needs and development. Staff take time and care to attend to children's personal care needs. For example, staff are sensitive to tell babies that they are going to wipe their noses and do not catch them unaware. Staff sing lullabies to babies and rock them gently to sleep. Children behave well overall.

Outcomes for children are good

Babies are confident movers and communicators. They show an interest in early technology as they reach out to see how objects work. They also show an interest in books as they fetch their own soft book and open it up to have a look. Older children enjoy talking in complex sentences, particularly at mealtimes when they are at ease. They can recognise some letters and can link them with sounds. Older children develop their self-help skills as they wipe their own noses and dispose of their used tissues appropriately. They play cooperatively and enjoy being social as they serve each other during mealtimes. They develop good skills for future learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY286222
Local authority	Lewisham
Inspection number	1061785
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 - 5
Total number of places	14
Number of children on roll	14
Name of registered person	Lionel George Hunt
Registered person unique reference number	RP514452
Date of previous inspection	14 February 2013
Telephone number	020 8691 0497

Cherryli nursery is privately owned. It opened in 1999 and is situated in the London Borough of Lewisham. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm, for 46 weeks of the year. There are six members of staff working directly with the children, including the manager. Four staff hold appropriate early years qualifications to at least National Vocational Qualification level 3, and the manager holds qualified teacher status. The nursery also employs a cook. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged three and four years.

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