

Addiscombe Childcare Centre



Davidson Primary Academy, Dartnell Road, Addiscombe, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 6JA

Inspection date 24 October 2017
Previous inspection date 22 May 2014

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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children settle quickly in the friendly and relaxed environment. The mix of ages works well. For example, older children show care for their younger friends.
- Staff extend children's play and imagination well, for example, during role-play activities.
- Staff provide a wide variety of interesting activities, including crafts and cooking. For example, children thoroughly enjoyed making witches' hats out of materials such as cakes, icing and ice-cream cones.
- Staff competently reinforce children's understanding of how to manage risks and stay safe. For example, they carefully explain how to move around the balancing and climbing equipment safely.
- The staff team values and uses the views of parents and children when making improvements to the club. For example, staff include children's suggestions when deciding on menus and on what activities to provide.
- Staff work closely with parents and exchange relevant information that helps them meet children's individual needs successfully.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager monitors and supports staff to help improve their practice. However, this is not always meticulous enough to enable staff to reach their full potential.
- Staff do not consistently make full use of links with all schools children attend to help enhance continuity of approach in children's care and development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop further the monitoring of staff to make the evaluation of practice even more incisive and help raise the quality of the provision for children to a higher level
- develop stronger links with schools that children attend to support even greater continuity and consistency in their care and development.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities indoors.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to at the inspection and from the parent questionnaires.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at various times during the inspection.

Inspector

Alison Weaver

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good understanding of their role and responsibility if they have a child protection concern. The owners implement thorough recruitment procedures that help ensure staff are suitable to work with children. The required policies and procedures that help safeguard children are in place and implemented well by staff. Staff deployment is effective and this helps ensure children stay safe, for example, when being taken to school after attending breakfast club. Staff supervise children well and give them plenty of support and attention. The manager and staff evaluate activities successfully and make sure they continue to interest children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff organise the environment successfully, for example, by creating different play areas. They get to know children's likes well and provide activities that reflect their current interests. Staff keep children well occupied as they engage in a wide variety of play opportunities. Children freely move around the club and make choices from the wide range of resources. Staff extend children's independence well. For example, they enable children to make decisions about their play but also provide guidance and support when needed. They encourage children to express themselves well and share their experiences. Children eagerly join in adult-planned activities, such as Halloween crafts. They concentrate well at activities, such as making pictures with beads and creating balls out of sparkly wool, balloons and glue.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are confident, emotionally secure and happy. They make good friendships with others and form strong bonds with staff. Staff use good behaviour management techniques and help children to learn effectively about acceptable behaviour. They encourage children to decide and discuss the rules of the club. Children behave well and readily share resources with their friends. Staff encourage children to value the diverse community represented in the club. Children follow staff's good role model, for example, when they show respect for others and use good manners. Staff actively encourage children to have healthy lifestyles. Children have good hygiene practices and enjoy plenty of exercise. They show a good understanding of what food is healthy to eat.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY288562
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	1068711
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	70
Number of children on roll	39
Name of registered person	Croydon Play Plus Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP521775
Date of previous inspection	22 May 2014
Telephone number	0208 655 3150

Addiscombe Childcare Centre is one of two after-school and holiday clubs managed by Play Plus. The club registered in 2004. It operates from Davidson Primary Academy in Addiscombe, Surrey. The club opens from 7.30am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm from Monday to Friday, during school term times. The holiday club operates from 8am to 6pm from Monday to Friday during school holidays. The club employs eight staff. Of these, four have a relevant qualification at level 3, one has a qualification at level 2 and the manager has a qualification at level 5.

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