

Lullabys at Little Village

Very Young Village, 18 Selhurst Place, LONDON, SE25 5PY



Inspection date	21 November 2017
Previous inspection date	20 April 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- Parent partnerships are impressive. The nursery engages parents thoroughly in their child's learning and development. They share activity ideas with parents to complement children's learning at home. This helps to promote a superbly consistent approach.
- Staff make use of their expert understanding to plan an extremely wide range of highly stimulating and challenging learning experiences based around children's interests. As a result, children are highly motivated and eager to learn.
- The management team and staff monitor children's progress well, with highly effective observation, assessment and planning procedures. They successfully identify gaps in children's learning and take prompt action to address them. Children make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Children behave extremely well. Staff provide children with exceptionally clear boundaries so they know what is expected of them. They praise children for their achievements, helping to raise their self-esteem. Children move around with confidence and enjoy being in the nursery. They share very close relationships with staff.

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 the excellent plans to explore further opportunities for ongoing professional development to extend staff's skills and knowledge as fully as possible.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and spoke to the children and staff at appropriate times.
- The inspector took into account the written and verbal views of parents.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching. The inspector and the manager jointly evaluated the effectiveness staff interactions with children as part of a joint observation.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation and spoke to the management team about how they evaluate the effectiveness of the provision.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff training and suitability.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Professional development is extremely important to the management team. Staff complete training to further develop their practice. Following recent training around letters, sounds and phonics, the manager introduced designated activities and resources to support children's listening and attention skills. Following the outstanding success of these activities, she held a mini workshop for parents to enable them to further support these areas at home. The manager plans to develop this further by attending additional training. The management team reflects exceptionally well on the service and takes into consideration the views of children and parents, acting on their suggestions for changes and improvements. Safeguarding is effective. The management team gives safeguarding their highest priority and staff know how to report any concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The nursery staff use the indoor and outdoor environments exceptionally well. Staff have created a highly stimulating atmosphere where children can explore, investigate and be active. Staff highly engage and positively interact with children during their play and are excellent role models. They put a great deal of thought and effort into their planning to provide experiences that capture children's imaginations. For example, the clever use of a homemade picture lotto game allows children to develop their personal, social and emotional skills and make connections in their play. Staff extend this game very skillfully, encouraging children to count, compare and identify colours together.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff meet the individual needs of children superbly. Staff are exceptionally well focused on helping children to become highly independent from an early age. Children are extremely kind and considerate. Staff are an excellent role models for children and encourage positive behaviour, teaching them vital social skills. Children are developing an excellent understanding of healthy lifestyles. Parents provide the highest praise for the care and learning their children receive. They comment that the nursery offers a 'safe environment that provides them with all the care and stimulation they need'.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly motivated and eager to join in. They are enthusiastic learners and show exceptional independence in selecting their resources and making choices in their play. They understand and follow daily routines with great confidence. Children's behaviour is exemplary. All children make excellent progress in all areas of learning and development. Children are given tremendous opportunities to develop the key skills needed for future learning and their eventual move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY376331
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	1093485
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	1 - 4
Total number of places	65
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	Abacus Childcare Settings Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP528145
Date of previous inspection	20 April 2015
Telephone number	0208 665 0595

Lullabys at Little Village opened in 1990 and was re-registered due to a change in company ownership in 2008. It is one of two nurseries operated by Abacus Childcare Settings Ltd within the London Borough of Croydon. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two and three years. There are 14 members of staff who work with the children, of whom 11 have relevant childcare qualifications.

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