Shining Stars Nursery



18 Ingram Road, THORNTON HEATH, Surrey, CR7 8EB

Inspection date Previous inspection date		6 January 2018 5 April 2015	
The quality and standards of the	This inspection	on: Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspec	ction: 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

- There are effective partnerships with other professionals to help meet the needs of the children. For example, staff work closely with local inclusion advisers to share expertise and support children with language delay. All children, including those who have special educational needs (SEN), make good progress from their starting points.
- The manager and staff create a welcoming and nurturing atmosphere, and children enjoy their time at nursery. They form strong bonds with staff, who are caring and attentive to their needs. Children are happy, confident and secure.
- Staff and the manager assess children's individual development closely and plan successfully for their learning. They thoughtfully include children's developmental next steps and interests to help provide a stimulating and engaging environment. Children are eager and motivated learners.
- The manager actively encourages the views of staff, parents and children to help her evaluate the nursery and make improvements. Parents regularly complete feedback questionnaires and are complimentary about the support they receive.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager does not sufficiently monitor the progress that groups of children make in their learning to identify potential gaps and help raise children's outcomes even further.
- The manager does not monitor staff performance rigorously to help set precise areas for further improvement for all staff and achieve outstanding practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor the progress groups of children make in their learning closely to help identify gaps and raise children's outcomes to the highest levels
- develop the monitoring of staff performance further to help identify precisely how staff can raise their good practice further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practices and the impact on children's learning.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff, children and parents.
- The inspector read some of the nursery's documentation, including the safeguarding policy and procedures.
- The inspector sampled children's development information and records.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager and held discussions in relation to children's learning and progress.

Inspector

Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager works well with her staff to regularly evaluate the learning environments, planning and the quality of resources. Together, they have recently introduced new books and toys to further support children's understanding of diversity. Families are also invited into the nursery to share their cultural traditions with children, such as through cooking, dressing up and stories. The manager continues to develop strong partnerships with parents. She recently created exciting 'home-learning bags' with activities specifically designed to help parents extend children's learning. Overall, the manager supports her well-qualified staff effectively to develop their skills, and staff benefit from varied training. After recent training, they have improved their understanding of children's behaviour and how to support this positively. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have up-to-date knowledge of how to deal with any child protection concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff join in well with children's play and guide their learning effectively. They encourage children's mathematical skills particularly well. For example, as children happily explore sand, staff encourage them to measure depth, using language such as 'half' and 'quarter' full. Children also compare foam blocks by size and shape as they work together to build structures, such as castles and houses. Staff skilfully build on children's current interests to support further learning. For example, children create their own 'London bus' artwork and talk about the importance of road safety. Staff encourage children's enjoyment of traditional songs and children enthusiastically join in with the words and actions.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff support children's understanding of healthy lifestyles very well and encourage plenty of conversation during mealtimes. Children confidently discuss the benefits of the nutritious food and drink as they enjoy their snack. They talk about milk having 'calcium for their bones' to 'help them play football'. Children enjoy regular exercise in the well-resourced garden and develop good balance and coordination. Children behave well and are considerate of others. They happily pass each other the colour pens they need during creative activities and help each other put on their shoes. Children are sociable and make strong friendships, playing together happily.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are independent and confident. They enthusiastically make choices in their learning and enjoy taking responsibility for different tasks. For example, children carefully chop and prepare their snack, and tidy the toys away when they are finished. Children communicate well and those who need additional support are catching up quickly. Children know the sounds that different letters represent and begin to write their name. They are very imaginative and enjoy their role play, such as when preparing pretend meals for their friends. Children are well prepared for the next stage in their learning and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY337884
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	1092794
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	24
Number of children on roll	24
Name of registered person	Sayyada Saeeda Sibtain Husain
Registered person unique reference number	RP514175
Date of previous inspection	15 April 2015
Telephone number	0208 4053343

Shining Stars Nursery registered in 2006. It is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm, for 48 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The provider employs five members of staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3.

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