Loving Hands International Nursery School Ltd.



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Inspection date Previous inspection date	19 Janua 30 Octob		
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

- Children are happy, settled and secure. They build good bonds with staff, who are caring and supportive of their individual needs. Children develop positive attitudes towards learning and are willing to try new things. They make good progress from their developmental starting points and are well prepared for the next stage in their learning.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff keep parents fully updated with their children's development. They regularly share children's next steps in learning and provide challenging 'home learning' packs to support further learning at home.
- Staff assess children's individual development accurately and the manager monitors the overall progress of groups of children closely. She quickly identifies potential gaps in learning and offers further support, making improvements to help maintain children's good developmental outcomes.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The good systems for monitoring and developing staff practice do not focus precisely enough on helping to raise practice to the highest level.
- Staff do not always make the best use of the questions they ask children to extend their thinking skills fully.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop and fully embed systems for monitoring and supporting staff practice to help achieve the highest quality
- enhance the use of questioning to help extend children's thinking skills to the highest levels.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed teaching practice and the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and children.
- 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 discussed children's play, learning and progress.

Inspector

Ben Parsons

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The ambitious new manager works hard to evaluate the nursery. She effectively includes the views of parents and staff to make positive improvements. For example, after identifying that boys were not accessing mark-making activities consistently, she is introducing a workshop for parents to support these skills and help close any gaps in learning. Overall, staff receive good support for their continued professional development. The manager has begun to identify staff's key strengths and where they can enhance their practice further. After recent training, staff now plan more effectively and successfully meet children's interests and individual learning styles. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have a good understanding of safeguarding issues and have an up-todate understanding of how to deal with any child protection concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff observe children's development closely and plan effectively for their next stages in learning. They provide a stimulating environment that successfully engages children. Staff support children's early literacy and mathematical skills well. For example, as pre-school children explore the different textures of salt, dough and paint, staff encourage them to make marks and write letters. They also introduce shapes and children confidently draw circles, squares and triangles with their fingers. Staff join in positively with young children's play and support their ideas well. They consistently commentate on their actions and name what they see, hear and do, using simple words. Babies learn new words quickly, such as 'bang' as they excitedly explore musical instruments.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff support children's healthy lifestyles very well and regularly talk to children about the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. Children confidently talk about vegetables having 'vitamins' to help them 'grow big and strong'. Children enjoy regular outdoor play and physical activities. For example, they develop good balance and coordination as they play throwing and kicking games with balls. Children follow instructions well and listen carefully to what staff say, showing good respect and behaviour. They are kind, considerate and sociable and make good friendships, playing together happily. For example, babies excitedly pop out at each other from behind tunnels and older children help each other crack open toy eggs to see what is hidden inside.

Outcomes for children are good

Children enjoy their learning and enthusiastically take part in a wide variety of activities. Pre-school children develop a good understanding of technology and confidently complete challenges on the computer. They recognise some letters of importance and express themselves confidently, sharing their ideas, views and interests. Babies develop strong early physical skills and freely explore the indoor and outdoor environments. They climb, crawl and run from an early age and show curiosity as they explore. Children learn skills which prepare them well for the next stage in their learning and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY464728
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	1071570
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	29
Number of children on roll	27
Name of registered person	Loving Hands International Nursery School Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP910275
Date of previous inspection	30 October 2014
Telephone number	0208 689 8440

Loving Hands International Nursery School Ltd registered in 2013. It operates each weekday between 8am and 6pm, all year round. The nursery is in receipt of funding to provide free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. There are five members of staff employed, all of whom hold relevant qualifications between level 3 and level 6.

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