Zeeba Daycare



Unit E6, Labyrinth Tower, Dalston Square, London, E8 3GP

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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

- During children's settling-in period, key persons establish children's starting points with parents. Staff then complete regular observations of children as they play and learn, to help them to pinpoint children's next steps in learning. This helps to ensure children continue to make good progress in their learning.
- Children make good progress in their personal, social and emotional development. For example, they demonstrate good levels of confidence, independence and self-esteem.
- Parents speak very highly of the nursery and are extremely happy with the care their children receive. Staff use a range of innovative and creative methods to help engage parents in their children's learning. They offer good, high-quality information and provide a range of ideas to help parents continue children's learning at home.
- Children have access to a wide range of stimulating learning experiences. Overall, they spend long periods engaged in activities and display a very positive attitude towards learning.
- Managers effectively evaluate the provision, involving all staff and parents. They identify areas of development and make changes where needed.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although the managers support the professional development of staff well, systems are not fully embedded to help raise staff practice to an outstanding level.
- On occasion, staff do not organise large-group activities in the most effective ways to help support and promote children's engagement and levels of concentration.

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 the systems already in place for the professional development of staff, to help raise practice to the highest level
- review the organisation of large-group activities to help children to remain engaged in their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to managers, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the staff and children interacting inside.
- The inspector spoke to parents and read testimonials from parents to gain their views on the nursery.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with a room leader and discussed the activity.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including suitability checks, staff training records and children's records.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good understanding of how to keep children safe and the procedure to follow should they have a concern about a child's well-being. They have regular training to reinforce their knowledge of local child protection procedures and the possible signs of abuse or neglect. The manager and staff undertake regular risk assessments to identify and minimise any hazards, and they supervise children well. The manager uses effective recruitment and vetting arrangements to ensure staff are suitable to work with children and have a clear understanding of their roles. The arrangements for monitoring different groups of children are successful. As a result, the manager swiftly identifies and addresses gaps in children's learning, helping them to catch up.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Overall, staff have a good understanding of how to successfully support children's learning and development. Children eagerly join in play activities alongside staff who are very engaging and enthusiastic. For example, young children enjoy singing songs with staff, choosing different props and toys to match the songs, and joining in with the actions. Staff help children to develop an awareness of the world around them. For instance, they take them on regular outings within their local area and the wider community, such as activities at the local park, markets and libraries. Children take part in the activities with enthusiasm. Staff make the most of opportunities to teach children about numbers, for example, they encourage them to count objects out loud. They provide children with a wealth of opportunities to explore different media, such as water, sand and dough.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children behave well and have good manners. Staff act as positive role models and help children develop their social skills. Children develop a positive view of the diverse world in which they live. They have plenty of opportunities to learn about different festivals from their own and other people's cultures. Staff form close bonds with the children and support their emotional well-being effectively. Children are confident, happy and well settled. They look to staff for comfort and reassurance, and enjoy receiving cuddles and praise. Staff support children well with personal self-care skills, such as washing hands before meals and with their toilet training. Children are encouraged to serve themselves and try the food, learning about healthy lifestyles and what is good for them.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make steady progress from their various starting points, including children who are learning English as an additional language and those who receive funding. They develop good social skills and are confident and curious when they meet new people. Older children recognise familiar written words, including their name. Younger children enjoy making marks with chalks, paints and crayons. They acquire useful skills that prepare them well for the next stage of their learning, including school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY461756
Local authority	Hackney
Inspection number	1069261
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	87
Number of children on roll	88
Name of registered person	Zeeba Dalston Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP911237
Date of previous inspection	13 May 2014
Telephone number	02079234673

Zeeba Daycare registered in 2013. The nursery employs 32 members of staff, most of whom hold childcare qualifications at level 3 or above, including four staff who hold qualified teacher status. The nursery opens each weekday from 8am until 6pm, for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery receives funding to provide free early education for three-and four-year-old children.

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