Tykes Pre-school



Broadfield Youth & Community Centre, Broadfield, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 9BA

Inspection date18 May 20Previous inspection date22 Septem		2018 mber 2015	
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, secure and very settled. They are developing strong bonds with staff, who are supportive to their individual needs.
- Children routinely take part in activities within the community centre to help broaden their understanding of people's similarities and differences.
- Staff regularly observe children in their play and keep detailed, accurate written assessments of their development. All children make good progress from their starting points in learning.
- The manager and staff team have a good knowledge and understanding of their practices and use ongoing self-evaluation effectively to prioritise areas for improvement.
- Partnerships with parents are good. Effective arrangements ensure parents are involved in their children's care and learning. Parents confirm they are happy with the pre-school and feel involved in children's learning and development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not extend opportunities well for children to develop and use their home language.
- Staff do not consistently use the good information gathered from monitoring individual children to monitor the progress of specific groups of children to help close any gaps in learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children to use their home language during their play and learning
- improve the systems used for monitoring the progress made by different groups of children to help close any gaps in learning more rapidly.

Inspection activities

- The inspector talked to staff about children's activities and the progress children make, and how they keep children safe.
- The inspector and the manager conducted a joint observation and discussed the quality of learning and teaching.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, which included children's progress records, risk assessments and safeguarding policies.
- The inspector took account of parents' views obtained during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children throughout the inspection.

Inspector

Teresa Colburn

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of child protection and the procedures to follow if they have concerns about the safety of children in their care. Detailed risk assessments are completed to help make sure children are cared for in a safe environment. The manager follows thorough recruitment and induction procedures to ensure all staff working with children are suitable. Staff benefit from regular support sessions. The manager is committed to helping staff gain further qualifications to enhance their continuous professional development and improve their skills. This helps to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning outcomes for children continues to improve. Staff work effectively in partnership with other professionals to support and help children who have special educational needs (SEN) make good progress. Additional funding is used effectively to support individual children, such as buying specific resources to support language development and to involve parents.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff know each child well. They have a clear understanding of how children learn and follow their interests to extend their learning. Children enter the pre-school with enthusiasm and are keen to participate in activities. They settle quickly and follow familiar routines, such as finding their photographed name card to record their attendance. Children happily negotiate roles with each other during role play and decide storylines for their imaginary play. They confidently talk about the cost of vegetables in their shop and discuss differences between real vegetables. Children competently use knives during role-play activities and snack time. Staff skilfully extend children's learning and ask thought-provoking questions.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children demonstrate good levels of independence. For example, they are encouraged to do things for themselves, such as serving their own healthy snack and pouring drinks. Staff are good role models and promote positive relationships between children and staff. Children behave well and follow the rules and boundaries of the pre-school. For example, they understand the importance of safety when using the climbing frame and clearing up after making a mess or dropping liquids. Children enjoy lots of outdoor play where, for instance, they draw, ride bicycles, pour water between containers and develop their physical skills.

Outcomes for children are good

All children, including those who have SEN and those who speak English as an additional language, progress well. Children develop good early writing and mathematical skills, for example, during daily singing sessions and role-play activities. All children gain the necessary skills needed to help prepare them for their future learning at school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY343079
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	1129677
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	2 - 4
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	32
Name of registered person	Victoria Rodena Bailey
Registered person unique reference number	RP907944
Date of previous inspection	22 September 2015
Telephone number	07540547382

Tykes Pre-school is privately owned and registered in 2006. It operates from Broadfield Community Centre, Crawley, West Sussex. It is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 2.30pm, school term time only. The pre-school receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are four members of staff, three of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications, including one staff member who has a level 5 qualification.

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