

Little Pirates Neighbourhood Nursery

Northview Avenue, Tilbury, Essex, RM18 7RT



Inspection date

22 June 2018

Previous inspection date

3 November 2014

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		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children behave exceptionally well. Staff act as excellent role models and their calm approach and positive interactions help children to learn what is expected of them.
- Partnerships with parents and other professionals are extremely well coordinated. The manager and staff work with a variety of other professionals to meet the needs of individual children. This collaborative approach helps to ensure children's care and learning are prioritised throughout the nursery and beyond.
- Staff demonstrate a strong commitment to ensuring early help is sought when needed. Timely interventions and additional funding are used exceptionally well to provide children with the support they need to make the best possible progress.
- The manager is committed to providing high-quality care and education for all children. Evaluation is thorough and takes into account the views of parents, staff and children, to identify areas for development continually.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not allow sufficient time for children to respond before asking them more questions.
- The professional development of individual staff does not identify precisely what they can do to raise the quality of teaching to the highest level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to think more deeply as they formulate and deliver their answers to questions posed
- build on opportunities for staff to advance their professional development and skills, to focus more specifically on raising the quality of teaching to the highest level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the manager and spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views from documents provided for the inspection.

Inspector

Linda Newcombe

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have a very good understanding of how to keep children safe and protected from possible harm. They know how to respond to any concerns, including how to identify if a child may be at risk of exposure to extreme ideas or behaviours. Staff risk assess the environment daily to ensure that it is safe for children and ensure the nursery is secure. The manager has regular one-to-one meetings with staff to discuss any concerns. Robust procedures for recruitment and checking of staff's ongoing suitability are in place. The manager and staff team are well qualified and highly experienced. They regularly reflect on their own practice and look at ways they can enhance the learning environment to meet the needs of all the children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The quality of teaching is good and, in some instances, outstanding. Staff share information with parents about their child's progress and provide them with ideas on how they can continue learning at home. Children's speaking and listening skills are well developed. Children delight as they make marks and explore the texture of paint. Staff constantly commentate on what they are doing. For example, they use words, such as 'squeezing' and 'squishing', to describe how the children are moving the paint through their fingers. Staff promote children's mathematical development well. Children count, recognise shapes and routinely use mathematical language in their play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children flourish in this warm and stimulating nursery. Staff place children's emotional well-being and happiness at the centre of all that they do. Staff have a comprehensive knowledge of the children and their families. They develop trusting and caring relationships with the children and this successfully supports them to settle quickly. Staff constantly encourage children to think about their own health and safety. They help children to develop an exceptional understanding of how to keep themselves safe. For example, older children discuss whom they should talk to if they feel upset or unsafe. Children demonstrate excellent self-care skills. Even the youngest children are encouraged to set out the cutlery and older children skilfully use knives to cut their own fruit. Children are physically active and demonstrate an exemplary understanding of why it is important to lead healthy lifestyles.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make consistent progress in their learning, including those who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities. Children demonstrate confidence and curiosity as they initiate their own play and solve problems for themselves. All children are very well prepared for when they make the move on to school. Children who speak English as an additional language are particularly well supported to develop the key skills they need to help them to speak and communicate in English.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY261001
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	1104082
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 - 5
Total number of places	76
Number of children on roll	99
Name of registered person	Thurrock Council
Registered person unique reference number	RP521420
Date of previous inspection	3 November 2014
Telephone number	01375 851367or 07813 854625

Little Pirates Neighbourhood Nursery registered in 2003. The nursery employs 19 members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2, 3 or 4. One member of staff holds early years professional status and the manager holds a qualification at level 6. The nursery opens Monday to Friday, for 50 weeks of the year. Opening times are from 8am to 6.30pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. The nursery supports a number of children who speak English as an additional language and children who have SEN and/or disabilities.

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