Warwick Pre-School

The Rear of 76-78 Warwick Gardens, London W14 8PR



| Inspection date | 30 October 2018 |
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| Previous inspection date | 4 February 2014 |

| The quality and standards of the | This inspection: | Good | 2 |
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| early years provision | Previous inspection: | Good | 2 |
| Effectiveness of leadership and manage | gement | Good | 2 |
| Quality of teaching, learning and asset | ssment | Good | 2 |
| Personal development, behaviour and | welfare | Good | 2 |
| Outcomes for children | | Good | 2 |

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is good

- The manager and her staff have formed a strong partnership with the supportive parents. Parents speak highly about the pre-school and talk emotionally about the care their children receive, saying that they view themselves as a 'community'.
- Staff support children's language development well. For example, as they carve a pumpkin for Halloween, staff encourage children to examine it using their senses. They touch the pumpkin and describe is as 'heavy' and 'orange', and they smell the pulp and squeeze it between their fingers. Staff name the different parts of the pumpkin, such as 'stem' and 'seeds'.
- Staff put a lot of thought into the planning of the environment. They introduce seasonal resources that spark children's curiosity and involvement.
- Children develop strong emotional bonds with their key person and all members of staff. Staff give children lots of reassurance and support to help them settle into the pre-school in their own time.
- All children, including those who speak English as an additional language, make good and steady progress from their starting points.
- Staff are highly effective at promoting children's large physical skills. They plan an array of first-hand experiences in the large pre-school garden, where children move skilfully. Children relish the opportunity to play outside and laugh with delight while riding tricycles, building brick roadways and climbing on large play equipment.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not consistently challenge children and make the most of opportunities to extend their problem-solving skills to the highest levels.
- On occasion, rigid daily routines interrupt children's play and they cannot follow their own interests.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to support all staff to develop their skills and knowledge to a higher level, to help ensure that all children are provided with challenge in activities and opportunities to solve problems independently
- review and improve how daily routines allow children to develop their own interests.

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 spoke with staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the pre-school manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the pre-school manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the pre-school.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Anna Hindhaugh-Feldman

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff have a good understanding of child protection procedures and they know how to manage any concern they may have about a child's welfare. Staff implement effective risk assessments to help minimise risks to children. This helps to ensure their safety and welfare as they play. Recruitment is effective. The manager makes sure all required checks to ensure staff are suitable to work with children are completed. The manager meets regularly with staff to discuss their practice and identify any further training. For instance, staff have received additional support to help ensure they are confident with using the new online assessment program. The manager evaluates the quality of her setting effectively and puts in place plans, which improve learning experiences and outcomes for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The manager and staff know the children well and they plan activities to support their individual learning needs. They gather useful information from parents when children start at the pre-school, and regularly assess and monitor children's progress. Any learning gaps for individuals or groups of children are swiftly identified and addressed successfully. Children are encouraged to be independent. They make choices about their play and follow self-care routines well. For example, they wash their hands before their snack and brush their teeth after lunch. Staff make good use of opportunities to build on the children's mathematical knowledge. For instance, children count as they play and use scales to weigh conkers, and talk about 'heavy' and 'light'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The children are happy and ready to learn when they arrive at pre-school, and quickly engage in activities. This demonstrates a secure sense of belonging and emotional well-being. Staff are good role models and promote respect and tolerance well. They encourage children to be aware of one another's needs. For example, when children have minor disagreements, staff encourage them to share and play together with toys. Staff have developed good relationships with the local school. They visit them and share events with other local nurseries. This supports children particularly well when they prepare to leave the pre-school and move on to the next step in their learning. Children gain an understanding of different traditions, families and communities beyond their own experience. For example, they learn about different festivals and different traditions, cultures and foods.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are making good progress in their learning. They approach their play with enthusiasm and they are eager to join in. Children are developing the skills they need for school, especially around forming friendships, positive behaviour and being independent. Children learn about letters and the sounds they represent. Some older children are able to recognise their own name.

Setting details

Unique reference number 105749

Local authority Kensington and Chelsea

Type of provision10060198

Full day care

Registers

Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare
Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 22

Number of children on roll 29

Name of registered person Warwick Pre-School Committee

Registered person unique

reference number

RP517549

Date of previous inspection 4 February 2014

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Warwick Pre-School registered in 1994. The setting operates from a purpose-built building in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The pre-school employs six members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and above. The pre-school opens from 9am to 3pm, during term time only. It is in receipt of funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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