

Seahorses Day Nursery

116 Evelyn Denington Road, Becton, London E6 5YU



Inspection date	12 November 2018
Previous inspection date	20 November 2017

	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
The quality and standards of the early years provision	Previous inspection:	Requires improvement	3
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Requires improvement	3

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- Although the provider has systems in place to monitor staff practice, she does not closely identify where staff need further training, to improve their teaching to a good level.
- The provider does not ensure the premises are thoroughly clean and some staff do not follow consistently good hygiene practices. These have an impact on children's health and well-being.
- Staff do not gain enough information from parents to identify children's starting points accurately on entry to the setting, to help them plan effectively from the outset.
- At times, staff do not give children enough time to think and respond during conversations or when questions are asked of them.
- Children do not receive enough challenge in their learning, particularly in their mathematical understanding of how to use numbers and counting in their play.

It has the following strengths

- The provider has helped staff to increase their knowledge of child protection issues through suitable training.
- Parents comment they are happy with the care provided and receive regular feedback about their child's day.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
provide more focused supervision, coaching and support to all staff to identify training needs and raise the quality of teaching to a good level	21/12/2018
ensure the premises are fit for purpose, in particular regard to cleanliness, and ensure staff follow good hygiene routines	21/12/2018
improve the exchange of information with parents on entry to enable staff to understand each child's individual needs and interests.	21/12/2018

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

- increase staff understanding of how to support and improve children's communication and language
- develop staff understanding of how to support children's early mathematical interests.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spent time observing children in the nursery room and garden.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including children's records and staff suitability checks.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider, manager and staff.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector
Jenny Devine

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management requires improvement

The provider has addressed most of the areas for improvement identified at the last inspection. Safeguarding is effective. All staff have recently refreshed their knowledge of safeguarding. They are clear about their responsibilities and the reporting procedures to follow if concerned about a child's welfare. However, the provider fails to ensure that all areas of the nursery are well maintained and does not notice that carpets and surrounding areas have not been cleaned thoroughly enough. The provider and manager have implemented monitoring and supervision processes for staff development. However, supervision is not strong enough to ensure that the quality of teaching is consistently good across the staff team.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

Staff are inconsistent in their initial assessments of children's progress. They do not gain enough information from parents about their child's abilities and development from the outset. This does not help staff to get to know the children, particularly how new children communicate their individual needs. Staff set up the playrooms with a range of activities and this encourages children to make choices in their play. However, the quality of teaching is variable. At times, staff do not make the most of opportunities to extend children's communication skills. Furthermore, staff do not recognise how to support children's mathematical development. For example, children line up the play dinosaurs but are not challenged to think about numbers, or to count or problem solve.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

Overall, children are happy, settled and their behaviour is good. Children learn to share and take turns, and are aware of simple behaviour rules. Children learn about healthy lifestyles and take part in various topics on healthy eating and good dental health. They go out everyday in the garden for physical play. However, children's overall welfare is compromised as staff do not follow good hygiene routines at all times. They are not vigilant enough during mealtimes to ensure thorough hygiene routines are adhered to.

Outcomes for children require improvement

Children develop some useful skills to assist them in their next stage of learning and for school. Children behave well and develop independence skills. For example, they know how to help themselves to a drink or water and serve their own lunch. However, not all children are supported to make the best possible progress in their communication and language, and mathematical skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY387536
Local authority	Newham
Inspection number	10084303
Type of provision	Full day care
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	22
Number of children on roll	5
Name of registered person	Seahorses Bek Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP910938
Date of previous inspection	20 November 2017
Telephone number	02074733522

Seahorses Day Nursery registered in 2009. The nursery is situated in Becton, in the London Borough of Newham. It is open each weekday from 7.30am to 6.30pm, for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery employs three members of staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications.

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