Little Daydreams

Orchard House, Northend Road, ERITH, Kent DA8 3PY



Inspection date	14 December 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Not applicable	2
Effectiveness of leadership and manage	gement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	ssment	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 who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) make good progress. Staff plan well for their needs and the progress they make is regularly reviewed.
- The manager evaluates and monitors the quality of the pre-school effectively. She considers the views of staff and parents when deciding on priorities for improvement.
- Children are very happy and settled in this welcoming and friendly nursery. Staff are kind, caring and respond well to children's individual needs. Children form close and trusting bonds with the staff. This helps to support children's emotional well-being.
- Staff are supported well by the management team. They benefit from supervisory meetings, feedback from observations of their practice and training opportunities. These opportunities help staff to review and strengthen the effectiveness of their teaching.
- Children behave very well. They clearly know the routines at nursery and calmly follow instructions. Staff praise children consistently to show their appreciation.
- Although the management team has improved systems to assess and evaluate children's development, these are not fully effective in monitoring the progress different groups of children make, to help raise children's learning even further.
- At times, staff's teaching does not ensure that all children are consistently engaged in activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use the information gained from the monitoring of children's achievements more effectively and enhance how groups of children are supported to improve their learning even more
- support staff to quickly recognise when children are no longer interested in an activity, to ensure that children are consistently challenged and remain engaged in their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with parents to gain their views.
- The inspector spoke to the manager and staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documents, including children's records, staff suitability and policies, such as safeguarding.
- The inspector and deputy manager carried out a joint observation.

Inspector

Tracey Murphy

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The manager closely monitors the consistency of the quality of care and teaching that staff provide to children. For instance, she regularly holds individual meetings with staff to discuss their strengths. The manager sets targets to help staff to develop their practice even further. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have a good knowledge of the safeguarding procedures to follow to help protect children's safety and welfare. Children learn how to keep themselves and others safe. For instance, when balancing on blocks in the garden, the children move the blocks closer together to stop themselves falling off. Staff have good relationships with parents. They keep parents well informed on a day-to-day basis and provide regular progress reports of their children's learning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff interact with children positively and help them to engage and concentrate as they happily explore with sand. They use questions effectively to challenge children's thinking and play. Staff encourage children well to solve problems, express their ideas and make connections. For example, staff support children's ideas of how to transport sand from one container to another using a variety of tools. Staff help children to count and recognise numbers during their play to further support their early mathematical skills. For example, children recognise numbers beyond 10 as they talk about the days of the week during group time. Staff encourage children to take part in activities to help them recognise letters and the sounds they represent. This is demonstrated when children excitedly sing and carry out the actions to songs about phonics. Children develop good communication and language skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Key persons know their key children's individual needs, for example, understanding when children with SEND need to relax in the sensory room. Staff are kind and respect each other, parents and children. They are warm and caring towards children and support their emotional well-being effectively. Staff encourage children to develop good physical health. For instance, children are active, they follow effective hygiene routines, and meals and snacks are healthy and nutritious.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress from their starting points, including those in receipt of additional funding. Children are confident communicators. They develop skills to support their readiness for school. For example, children develop early literacy skills as they use their knowledge of letters and the sounds they represent to write their name.

Setting details

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Type of provision Sessional day care

RegistersEarly Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 26

Number of children on roll 26

Name of registered person Little Daydreams Ltd

Registered person unique

reference number

RP901090

Date of previous inspectionNot applicable **Telephone number**07912227456

Little Daydreams registered in 2016 and is located in Erith, Kent. The pre-school is open from 9.15am to 3.45pm on Monday to Friday, during term time only. Children can attend for a variety of sessions. The pre-school receives funding to provide early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are seven staff. Of these, one holds early years professional status and six hold early years qualifications at level 2 and 3.

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