Scallywags

Congregational Church Hall, Stainash Crescent, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1AY



Inspection date	12 March 2019
Previous inspection date	18 April 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Good Good	2 2
Effectiveness of leadership and manage	gement	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	ssment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and	welfare	Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The managers share up-to-date policies, procedures and risk assessments with parents. Staff follow these through on a daily basis to help keep children safe, healthy and secure.
- Staff are well qualified and many have between 20 and 30 years experience at the setting. They observe children carefully and clearly assess their development in areas, such as numbers, shapes, letters and sounds. Staff prepare and share detailed information, such as end-of-year reports, to support the next stage in children's learning.
- Children show high levels of curiosity, imagination and concentration. For example, toddlers inspect the natural world with magnifiers and create their own imaginative stories with small-world characters. Older children listen and concentrate extremely well in a group. They are enthusiastic to take on new challenges and willingly join with others to sing, share stories and practise new skills to higher levels.
- Children mix well with their age group and develop a secure sense of belonging to their community. Children are emotionally and socially well prepared for school.
- Children thoroughly enjoy discovering a broad range of exciting play areas. They quickly choose to follow their own interests and engage in creative, purposeful play.
- Managers do not use their current arrangements to monitor children's progress thoroughly. This does not fully support children to reach their highest levels and rates of progress in all areas of learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

■ refine the processes for checking children's progress to help them reach their potential in all aspects of their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed, listened to and talked with children as they played in each hall.
- The inspector talked with parents and listened to their views about the setting and their children's progress.
- The inspector looked at children's records, discussed staff's planning and evaluation of activities, and discussed how they exchange information with parents.
- The inspector reviewed records and procedures relating to safeguarding and risk assessment, and discussed a range of other procedures relating to children's welfare with the managers.
- The inspector observed care routines and completed a joint observation with one of the managers. Together they discussed how staff's training has contributed to children's learning and development.

Inspector

Helen Robinshaw

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The experienced co-managers divide their time between this setting and their outstanding other setting. They make very good use of self-evaluation to continue to raise practice to higher levels. For example, they have new plans to improve the information they obtain from parents when children join the setting. The managers and staff work effectively with parents and other professionals to extend continuity in children's care and learning. For instance, they work closely with school staff to prepare children well for school. They follow through guidance from speech and language therapists to help children with communication and language delay to make good levels of progress. Safeguarding is effective. The managers check that staff know how to recognise and respond appropriately to concerns about children's welfare and protection.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The quality of teaching across both the toddler and pre-school age groups is consistently good. Staff know children well, make accurate observations about their knowledge and achievements, and successfully target the next stage in their learning. For example, they effectively encourage children's mathematical and literacy skills. Children explore number concepts during activities, and sound out and form letters of familiar words. Staff communicate well with parents about their children's individual needs and achievements. Parents know how to extend their children's interests at home and work with staff to help children share their favourite books with their friends at the nursery.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Exceptionally experienced, responsive staff have an excellent understanding of children's individual needs and welfare. Two-year-olds quickly settle into uninterrupted, rich and imaginative play. Highly attentive staff help them to dress up, extend their storytelling, and show kindness and respect to their playmates. Children learn how to develop their friendships and express their needs very effectively. Staff nurture and inspire older children to develop the skills they need to mix confidently with other children and to clearly express their ideas and opinions. Children listen attentively to each other. They work exceptionally well as a team. For example, they plan, construct and creatively improve large-group art projects, such as castles where knights protect treasure and glitter lights up for the world with fairy dust.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress in their learning. For example, children with special educational needs receive additional support that helps to reduce gaps in their development. Children who are learning to speak more than one language develop good-quality spoken English in time for school and some make rapid progress in both languages. Older children control a wide range of tools, such as magnets, computer mice and pencils. They are excited by the patterns they make and confidently moving on to write their name and other key words. Children develop good self-help skills, such as taking care of their belongings and personal hygiene independently.

Setting details

Unique reference number120198Local authoritySurreyInspection number10066240

Type of provision Childcare on non-domestic premises

RegistersEarly Years RegisterDay care typeSessional day care

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 34

Number of children on roll 43

Name of registered person Melanie Lunn and Lori Spiers Partnership

Registered person unique

reference number

RP908369

Date of previous inspection 18 April 2016 **Telephone number** 07793 849192

Scallywags registered in 1999. The nursery is located in Staines, Middlesex. It is open each weekday from 9am to 12.15pm, during term time only. The nursery offers a lunch club on some weekdays. It employs nine members of staff, eight of whom hold qualifications at level 3 and one at level 2. The nursery receives funding for the provision of free early education for children age two, three and four years.

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