

Inspection of The Boulevard

22-23 The Boulevard, London SW17 7BW

Inspection date: 17 January 2020

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Children are happy and settled from the very start. Staff are caring and affectionate towards them. They are approachable, know the children well and have high expectations for their learning. Children enjoy spending time with staff developing their social skills and confidence. Children behave well. They respect each other, take turns and listen to simple instructions during play. For example, they help to set up the table before mealtimes and pour water for each other. Children enjoy imaginative and creative play. For instance, they spend long periods pretending to cook in the Chinese kitchen, at the same time learning about and celebrating this culture and its costumes. Children learn to have healthy lifestyles. They enjoy a wide variety of nutritious meals cooked by the chef and take part in physical activities in the neighbouring school playground. For example, children ride bicycles, balance on blocks and play with balls in the garden. Staff are good role models and teach the children to develop social skills with each other. Children's attitudes to their play and learning are consistently positive.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Manager and leaders are dedicated and lead their team well, overall. They motivate staff, provide guidance and set high expectations to help them to progress in their careers. Staff have some support from managers to manage their workload. However, this is not always effective and occasionally affects the quality of some planning and assessment documentation.
- Children are progressing and learning well through the range of stimulating activities available. They use paint, involving different shapes, texture and numbers. Older children learn about animals that live in the garden by digging soil and looking for worms. They use magnifying glasses to explore and look at the worms closely. This helps children to learn how to care for animals and for the environment.
- Literacy and language development are given strong priority in the educational programmes. For example, arrangements such as parents borrowing books from the nursery help to extend children's literacy at home. Children explore books in every area of the nursery, including outdoors. They learn French and sing new songs in this language. Staff extend children's language further by engaging them in meaningful conversations. For example when they find a worm in the garden they teach the children about how many hearts the worms have.
- Children are helped to become independent learners. They take part in tasks such as setting up the table for mealtimes. Children of all ages explore all activities that are available for them. For example, they play with puppets and explore during a play dough activity. Staff use every opportunity to introduce mathematics as children play. For instance, they count money in the role-play area, count objects in the garden and measure the size of toys.

- Children learn about personal hygiene. They wash their hands throughout the day, before mealtimes and after outdoor play. Staff ensure the environment is safe and clean for the children by carrying out effective daily risk assessments.
- Parents speak highly of the nursery and they are happy with the progress their children make in their learning. The manager and leaders are available if parents have any questions. Parents extend their children's learning at home. For example, the nursery provides parents with creative art material to use at home with their children. Managers recognise that communication with parents could be improved, as parents occasionally miss events and are not swiftly updated with staff changes.
- Children behave well, they help each other take turns and listen to simple instructions. Children are fully engaged in the activities and are inquisitive to explore their environment. They are confident and happy as they cooperate with each other during play.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff have good safeguarding knowledge. They know how to identify any child who may be at risk of harm. They know who to report to and how to escalate any concerns. Recruitment procedures are robust, to ensure the suitability of staff working with children. Managers and leaders support staff to attend safeguarding training with the local authority. Safeguarding is part of an effective induction programme. Staff ensure the environment is safe by carrying out effective daily health and safety checks.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- continue to find ways to engage with parents to ensure they are continually informed about their children's experience in nursery
- help staff to manage their workload to enable them to continue to improve the effectiveness of their teaching.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY550448
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	10133741
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children	1 to 3
Total number of places	55
Number of children on roll	45
Name of registered person	Eveline Day Nursery Schools Limited (The)
Registered person unique reference number	RP905858
Telephone number	02086757276
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The Boulevard nursery was registered in 2017 and is located in the London Borough of Wandsworth. The nursery employs 18 members of childcare staff, of whom 10 hold early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The nursery is open from Monday to Friday 52 weeks of the year. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6.30pm. The nursery provides funded early education for three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Angelica De Assis

Inspection activities

- The manager and the inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity.
- The inspector spoke with parents and listened to their views about the nursery and their children's progress.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons working in the nursery.
- The managers and the inspector held a meeting to look at self-evaluation.
- The inspector completed a learning walk with the managers and spoke with staff.
- The inspector observed children in their play in the indoor and outdoor environment.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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