

Inspection of Sugarplumz Ltd

The Good Shepherd Church, 79 Moorside Road, BROMLEY BR1 5EP

Inspection date: 1 March 2023

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children are secure and settled. The out-of-school club provides a welcoming, family orientated environment. Children look forward to attending the club and greet practitioners with a hug as they collect them from school. Children chatter happily with their friends as practitioners escort them safely to the setting.

Children enjoy a wide variety of activities. They say that their favourite activities are board games and cooking. Children help practitioners to make popcorn. They count down the seconds until it is ready. Children show care and consideration for their friends. They sit down with their popcorn to watch a movie. Older children make sure the younger ones have a seat at the front, so that they can see the screen.

Children who speak English as an additional language develop in confidence as they join in with games and make friends. Children play calmly together. They cooperate well to play board games, make train tracks and build models. Children have opportunities to practise their physical skills as they participate in games, such as skipping and skittles. Children's emotional well-being is supported as practitioners make time to talk with children about any issues which may have arisen at school. Children display a growing sense of responsibility. They tidy up after themselves at snack time and help to put away toys at the end of the session.

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

- The provider makes good use of the large hall where the club is situated. Practitioners set out a variety of activities each day. These include art and crafts, table top activities and role play. Children have ample space to enjoy vigorous physical play as well as quiet areas, where they can relax and read books.
- The partnership with parents is well established. Some families have older children who have attended the setting for many years. Parents speak highly of the setting. They praise the relaxed and nurturing atmosphere. Practitioners and parents communicate regularly and parents feel well informed about children's activities.
- The provider speaks passionately about the setting. She makes sure to keep up to date with current good practice and changes to regulations. This ensures the setting continues to meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- Practitioners manage children's behaviour calmly and with good humour. They give children consistent explanations as to why some behaviours are unsafe. For example, they advise children to keep their shoes on in case they slip. Children understand the expectations for their behaviour. They are kept busy with the range of activities available to them and are well behaved.

- Children understand how to stay healthy. They wash their hands before snack time. They understand how to use tissues and hand sanitiser to prevent the spread of infection.
- Practitioners feel well supported in their roles. They receive regular training. For example, they recently completed autism spectrum disorder awareness training. This ensures that they are well prepared to meet children's needs.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All practitioners receive regular safeguarding training to ensure their knowledge remains up to date. They are aware of the different forms of abuse and know the signs that indicate a child may be at risk of harm. The provider follows rigorous recruitment procedures to ensure practitioners are fully vetted. All practitioners hold appropriate first-aid qualifications. This ensures they are well prepared to deal with children's illnesses and accidents.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY444967
Local authority	Lewisham
Inspection number	10235728
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	4 to 14
Total number of places	70
Number of children on roll	33
Name of registered person	Sugarplumz Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901344
Telephone number	07415109377
Date of previous inspection	31 March 2017

Information about this early years setting

Sugarplumz Ltd registered in 2012. It is based in the London Borough of Lewisham. The club is open from 3.15pm to 6.30pm during term time only. The setting is also open from 7.45am until 6.30pm during school holidays, except during the Christmas holiday period. There are a total of four staff who work with the children, three of whom hold a recognised childcare qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Anita Rickaby

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector spoke with the registered individual about the leadership and management of the setting.
- Children told the inspector about their friends and what they like to do when they are at the club.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.

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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