

Inspection of Lemon Tree Montessori & Daycare

45a The Mall, London W5 3TJ

Inspection date:

31 March 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders understand the importance of keeping children safe from harm. They know how to correctly identify children who may be at risk of abuse. Leaders explain the correct procedures to report concerns about a child's welfare. They carry out thorough risk assessments to ensure that the premises are safe and suitable for children.
- Leaders describe how they will value children's backgrounds and home experiences. For example, they will gather information from parents about children's knowledge and experiences. Leaders explain their plans to recognise important festivals and events and help children to understand different communities and cultures.
- Leaders demonstrate their commitment to professional development and the quality of their provision. They will ensure that staff have regular opportunities to engage in training, so that they can further develop their practice. They understand the importance of working with a range of professionals to further support the learning and development of staff and children.
- Leaders explain what they intend children to learn and how they will plan a curriculum to build on what they know and can do. They explain how they will provide support for children of differing ages and abilities. Leaders emphasise their passion for providing children with a nurturing environment, where they can grow, flourish and thrive.
- Leaders understand the importance of managing children's behaviour. They confidently describe a range of strategies to help each individual child to manage their own feelings and behaviour. Leaders plan to promote a positive approach to managing children's behaviour, focusing on supporting children's emotional well-being. They intend to promote their core values of kindness, respect and care for one another.
- Leaders appreciate the importance of working in partnership with parents. They describe how they will discuss ongoing assessments of children's learning with parents. Leaders plan to invite parents into nursery to be part of their curriculum offering and to be fully involved in their children's learning.
- Leaders identify the importance of teaching children the importance of a healthy lifestyle. They plan to grow fruits and vegetables with children and teach them about the importance of a balanced diet. Leaders discuss their plans for ensuring that all children have plenty of opportunities to remain physically active. For example, they intend to provide children with specialist physical education sessions and access to a well-resourced garden to help them to learn and practise new skills.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY498668
Local authority	Ealing
Inspection number	10236781
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Willow Tree Education Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP526646
Telephone number	07956 228 959
Date of previous inspection	26 January 2017

Information about this early years setting

Lemon Tree Montessori & Daycare registered in 2016. It operates from a converted building in the London Borough of Ealing. It is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm, for 52 weeks of the year. The nursery employs 12 staff, 10 of whom hold relevant early years qualifications. The owner is a qualified primary school teacher and Montessori teacher.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Penny Harman

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the nursery received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with leaders and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the nursery.
- Leaders showed the inspector risk assessments and plans for the new premises. They discussed how they will ensure they are safe and suitable when children are on roll.
- Leaders spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- Leaders provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector discussed safeguarding policies and procedures with leaders.

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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