

Sunrise Day Nursery

The Station House, Station Road, HARRIETSHAM, Kent, ME17 1JA



Inspection date

29 April 2015

Previous inspection date

10 October 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children's progress and achievements are consistently outstanding in all learning areas.
- Staff always ensure they give children's backgrounds and interests excellent attention. They share this individual knowledge with other children to extend their learning about others.
- Staff provide outdoor play opportunities for children throughout the day. As a result, children consistently benefit from being outside in the fresh air, in all weathers.
- Children enjoy an excellent choice and range of play activities and resources, which are available both indoors and outside. However, the range of information and communication resources is not consistently updated, to help children learn more about current technology.
- Leadership and management is outstanding; all staff take advantage of the many opportunities to progress in their professional development. Therefore, all children benefit from high quality and up-to-date skilled teaching.
- Staff use the knowledge they gain from training extremely well to support children to manage their safety and behaviour. For example, children know the rules for 'superhero' play, and as a result, have developed their understanding of respecting others.
- Staff partnerships with other professionals, specialists and school staff are of a very high standard. This means that all children's individual learning and development needs are extremely well catered for.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance resources to further increase children's understanding and knowledge of information, communication and technology.

Inspection activities

- The inspector talked to the provider, manager and members of staff.
- The inspector sampled records and documents.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gain their feedback about the nursery.
- The inspector observed and talked to the children and carried out a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Mary Vandeppeer

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is outstanding

Staff use their expert knowledge and teaching experience to provide an exceptional range of resources and learning opportunities for all children. Babies flourish with regular one-to-one attention and gain vital skills. For example, babies confidently explore and negotiate their way around the room using their newly acquired walking skills. Children develop their writing skills extremely well. They enjoy using brushes in a shallow layer of sand and practise using sweeping movements to make big and small shapes and marks. The older children competently name and write the letters of their name. Older children play uninterrupted for long periods of time and remain fully engaged and focused. Children's language development is given a high priority, including children whose first language is not English. Staff ensure children are ready for school and children display how eager they are to learn. As a result, they develop essential skills for the next stage in their lives. Staff observations, assessments and planning are sharp and focussed to meet each individual child's learning needs.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is outstanding

Staff very much encourage parents to be part of settling their children when they start. This means the children get used to the environment and routine at their own pace. Management and staff give children's welfare and well-being high priority. Staff deploy themselves exceptionally well and this means all children are supported skilfully and their individual needs are met very securely. Children show high levels of confidence in approaching any staff member to receive the comfort and help they need. Staff make children feel valued, safe and secure through their highly consistent approach. Children's independence and self-care skills are developing extremely well, which boost their confidence and self-esteem very effectively.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is outstanding

Management has highly effective and robust recruitment procedures to ensure staff suitability. They show a very strong commitment to providing regular supervision to robustly monitor staff performance. Management expects consistently high standards in staff's professional development and together they efficiently identify any areas requiring additional support. Managers and staff have an exceptional understanding of their role and responsibility to safeguard children, including the excellent policies and procedures. They are extremely clear on what to do should they have a concern about a child in their care. Self-evaluation processes are highly effective in ensuring any necessary changes are made. There is an extremely strong commitment throughout the nursery to maintaining continuous improvement.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY427210
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	823304
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	55
Name of provider	Sunrise Day Nursery (Langley) Limited
Date of previous inspection	10 October 2011
Telephone number	01622 861325

Sunrise Day Nursery registered in 2011. It is located in Harrietsham, near Maidstone, Kent, and is one of two privately owned nurseries. The nursery is open for 51 weeks of the year, Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 6.30pm. It is closed for one week at Christmas and all bank holidays. The nursery is in receipt of funding for free early years education for children aged two, three and four. The provider employs 12 members of staff, nine of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications from Level 2 to Level 6.

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