

South Bermondsey Community Nursery

South Bermondsey Childrens Centre, Tenda Road, London, SE16 3PN



Inspection date

9 August 2017

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Management and staff work well together. Their professional approach and inclusive practice provide a positive environment which helps to promote equal opportunities for all children.
- Children benefit from the variety of interesting and stimulating experiences. They are active learners and are engaged in what they are doing.
- Staff ensure that children are able to choose toys and resources and pursue their own interests. Children show they are motivated to learn.
- Parents and carers are provided with regular updates about their children's progress. They speak positively about the nursery.
- Children are happy, content and show a good sense of security. Staff are kind, warm and welcoming. Overall, they support children's emotional well-being effectively and are good role models for children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not make the best use of their assessments to help monitor children's learning as precisely as possible from the start, to support children to make more rapid progress in all aspects.
- Staff do not use children's own contributions fully to help further promote children's confidence and self-worth.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make even better use of assessments so that children's learning and developmental progress are clear and targeted right from the start
- support children's self-esteem and confidence even further by finding more opportunities to celebrate their work and achievements.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the staff teaching practice during children's play inside and outside.
- The inspector spoke to staff, children and parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector sampled the nursery's policies, documents and children's records.
- The inspector held discussions with the management team.
- The inspector discussed the nursery's self-evaluation processes and plans for future improvement.

Inspector

Mary Vandeppeer

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a secure understanding of their responsibility to protect children. They know whom to report to should they have any concerns. Leaders and staff use effective risk assessment processes to keep children safe. Staff are able to access training to enrich their professional development. For example, they attend company conferences to inform them about new ideas to help engage children further and help them learn in more exciting ways. Staff establish partnerships with other professionals, particularly to help children who need additional support in their development. Overall, the management team uses self-evaluation effectively to identify the nursery's strengths and areas for development. For example, managers are looking at improving the range of activities children have available when they arrive at the nursery in the morning.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan activities to provide focused play to meet children's interests and individual learning needs. For example, for three-year-old children staff freeze toy dinosaurs to create an ice exterior and children actively try different ways to get through the ice. Children demonstrate good listening skills and show they thoroughly enjoy this activity. Older children have opportunities to develop their writing and number skills. For instance, they learn to recognise and write the letters of their name. Staff encourage counting, adding and taking away as children role play shops, for example. Babies have plenty of space in which to crawl and learn to walk. They are able to explore messy play, such as paint and water. There are also challenging activities, such as wooden building blocks and shape sorters. These experiences all help to encourage the youngest children to experiment with new resources.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff encourage children to be independent. For example, children at 10 months old sit at a table to have their lunch, and many of them are capable of using a spoon well to feed themselves. Staff use the outdoor area every day, for example, older children love to go outdoors at the end of a huge downpour, splashing in puddles. Children develop an awareness of how to keep themselves safe; for instance, they regularly practise the emergency evacuation procedure. Children leaving to go on to another setting are emotionally prepared for this change. They talk to staff about what they might do there. Children learn about eating healthily, for example, they have balanced, freshly cooked meals, with new foods to try regularly.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning. They gain the necessary skills in readiness for school. Staff work closely with parents and provide suggestions for home learning. This helps provide consistency to help children understand what is expected of them.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY499878
Local authority	Southwark
Inspection number	1110489
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	96
Number of children on roll	59
Name of registered person	The London Early Years Foundation
Registered person unique reference number	RP901332
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0207 232 1311

South Bermondsey Community Nursery registered in 2016 and operates from South Bermondsey Children's Centre in London. It is owned by The London Early Years Foundation company, which also owns another 38 nurseries. The nursery is open from Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, for most of the year. It closes on bank holidays and for a few days at Christmas. The nursery is in receipt of funding for two-, three- and four-year-old children. The nursery employs 12 members of staff, of whom 11 hold relevant early years qualifications.

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted 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.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the guidance 'Complaints procedure: raising concerns and making complaints about Ofsted', which is available from Ofsted's website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted. If you would like Ofsted to send you a copy of the guidance, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, work-based learning and skills training, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It assesses council children's services, and inspects services for looked after children, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

You may reuse this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/, write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or email: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

This publication is available at www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/120354.

Interested in our work? You can subscribe to our website for news, information and updates at www.ofsted.gov.uk/user.

Piccadilly Gate
Store St
Manchester
M1 2WD

T: 0300 123 4234
Textphone: 0161 618 8524
E: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

© Crown copyright 2017

