

Inspection of Woodlands Nurseries

St. Boniface Church Hall & Social Club, 185 Mitcham Road, London, Surrey SW17 9PG

Inspection date: 11 February 2022

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

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is outstanding

The provider leads the setting and fosters a clear vision for high-quality childcare. This is evident in the broad and successful curriculum that promotes high expectations for all children. Children have strong and positive relationships with staff. Children approach staff if they need support and to share their achievements. Staff provide children with a nurturing environment and lots of reassuring cuddles. This helps babies and younger children to feel safe and secure. Children freely explore the resources available and follow the daily routines exceptionally well. For example, after a sociable and relaxing lunchtime, babies happily crawl or toddle across the corridor to the sleep room at an unrushed pace, fully promoting their physical skills.

Older children are exceptionally active learners. They concentrate very well during free play and adult-led activities. For example, when children find magnetic letters to make their own name, they persevere until their task is complete. Children think critically and discuss what they are going to make when modelling with junk. They find the resources that they need and enjoy the staff's praise when they show what they have created independently. Children are extremely well behaved. They play cooperatively and understand the procedures that promote their safety and well-being. For example, children know that their friends have allergies to certain foods, and that they must hold the rail when walking up or down stairs.

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

- Leaders are supportive, reflective and evaluative. This enables them to fully consider any lessons learned when reviewing staff's practice. They continuously strive to make improvements that further promote children's learning and welfare. Leaders work closely with the manager. They invest in staff's individual continuous personal development through professional training and regular supervision sessions.
- Staff combine an ambitious curriculum with high-quality teaching. The highly effective key-person system ensures that staff know and understand what they want children to learn and in what sequence. This enables all children, including those with additional needs, to make the best progress. The manager works in the rooms, supporting staff and modelling teaching practice. This ensures that there is a consistent approach and high-quality teaching across all rooms.
- Staff meticulously plan challenging small-group activities to meet children's learning needs exceptionally well. For example, older children keenly participate in a mathematical activity. They recognise numbers, count and sequence numbers. Staff skilfully support and extend children's learning further. As a result, children compare quantities and identify which number is more than or less than the other. At the end of the activity, children give their views and

ideas. This enables them to positively contribute to future activity plans.

- Staff use every opportunity to extend children's language skills during play and everyday routines. All children enjoy singing lots of songs; babies jig and clap along. Children's love of books is fully enhanced as staff frequently read stories. Children use books purposefully and independently. Older children take books home to share with their parents.
- Children develop an excellent understanding of their emotions as staff encourage them to express their thoughts and feelings. Staff are sensitive and give effective support to help children to manage daily routines. For example, they tell children what is happening next and use props. This helps children to understand about the expectations of their behaviour and meets their emotional needs effectively.
- Staff fully embrace children's outside play. They play games with children, and help them to use wheeled toys and climbing equipment confidently. Children have lots of areas to explore, such as sand and water cascades, and the mud kitchen. They learn about nature as they grow fruit and vegetables. Staff provide children with sessions from a sports teacher to further support their physical skills. Children have regular trips in the local community to parks and places of interest that link to topics to further enhance their outdoor learning.
- Parents say that communication is excellent. Staff give parents daily feedback. They share information about the events of the day and their children's progress. Parents feel that they are listened to by leaders, the manager and staff. Their ideas are taken forward and no issue is too big or small for staff respond to. Parents say that staff give them lots of support and ideas to support their children's learning at home. As a result, they can see that their children's language skills have quickly improved. Parents say that their children have made very good progress and that they are well prepared for school.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff understand the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about children's welfare or if any allegations are raised. Staff attend safeguarding training, and regularly review and update policies. There are effective procedures are in place regarding the use of mobile phones and cameras. The provider implements robust vetting and recruitment procedures and sets high expectations of professionalism at all times. The provider takes prompt and thorough action to minimise any risks to children's welfare. The provider understands their responsibility to work with other agencies and to notify Ofsted about any significant events or changes.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2521615
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	10209784
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 4
Total number of places	70
Number of children on roll	107
Name of registered person	Efwy Educational Services Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2521614
Telephone number	07729203323
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Woodlands Nurseries registered in 2019. The nursery operates all year round from 7.30am until 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for one week closure at Christmas. The nursery receives funding to provide early education for children aged three and four years. There is a team of 29 staff; of these, 24 staff hold childcare qualifications between levels 2 and 6, including two staff who hold qualified teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jo Geoghegan

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the setting and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector completed a learning walk of the premises with the manager, who explained the curriculum and how the setting is organised.
- The inspector discussed the leadership and management of the setting with the provider, and sampled a range of required documentation, including children's records and staff's vetting and recruitment.
- The inspection held discussions with staff, parents and children, and took account of their views.
- The inspector and manager jointly observed staff's interactions with children and discussed the impact on children's learning.

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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