

Inspection of Kenley Kindergarten

Kenley Primary School, New Barn Lane, Whyteleafe CR3 0EX

Inspection date: 21 March 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
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The quality of education	Good
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Behaviour and attitudes	Good
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Personal development	Good
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Leadership and management	Good
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Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Good
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What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Children settle well in this warm and welcoming setting. The effective settling in process ensures they build strong relationships with all staff, including their key person. This helps children to feel safe and secure in the setting. Children's care needs are met well. Staff ensure that they gather detailed information from parents when they drop off their children at the start of their session.

Children make choices in their play as they move freely around the room to explore and develop their own ideas. They choose from a wide range of activities and resources that encourage their curiosity. Babies discover new experiences as staff provide a range sensory activities linked to their interests. Older children explore people who help them as they create and build their own hospitals and fire stations.

Children behave very well because staff have high expectations for their behaviour. There are clear boundaries in the setting and staff act as positive role models to demonstrate their expectations to the children.

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

- Staff understand children's interests, skills and abilities well. They create a curriculum that is ambitious in meeting all children's individual needs. Staff ensure all children, including those who are in receipt of additional funding make good progress from when they start at the setting.
- Managers and staff know children and their families well. They work closely with parents to share children's progress and ideas for how parents can extend this at home. Parents comment how much they value being included in their children's learning and development.
- Staff are positive role models for children. They are very attentive to children's individual care needs. Staff patiently gain children's cooperation and talk to them in a calm and respectful way. For example, they ask children's permission and await their response before wiping their faces or taking them to have their nappies changed.
- Children's mathematical development is a significant strength of the setting. babies experience simple sequencing as staff count '1, 2, 3' before staff pick them up. Toddlers count each other as they line up to go outside. Pre-school children skilfully use scales to weigh items to specific amounts.
- Staff support older children's communication and language skills very well. The use real life items and visuals to help children learn and understand new words. However, at times, background music played in the baby room creates a distraction while staff are exploring new words with the babies.
- Children have a range of opportunities to explore new opportunities. For

example, pre-school children in the garden discover how to care for plants and flowers. There are times, however, when children do not have as much opportunity to try new skills. For instance, during baking activities, some children show interest in how to crack an egg but are not given the opportunity to try this for themselves.

- The manager supports teaching practice through focused support and evaluation of staff. The staff team feel supported in both their professional development and their personal wellbeing.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The manager creates a positive safeguarding culture. She ensures that all staff receive training, support and guidance around child protection. As a result, all staff are well equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to recognise when children are or may be at risk of harm. All staff demonstrate clear understanding of wider safeguarding issues such as the 'Prevent' Duty and are fully aware of their responsibility to report concerns about children's welfare. Effective recruitment procedures ensure that all staff who work with children are suitable to do so.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- consider the purpose of background music so that it does not provide a distraction
- further extend opportunities for children to explore new experiences even more consistently.

Setting details

Unique reference number	402935
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10218438
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 4
Total number of places	45
Number of children on roll	53
Name of registered person	Southern Childcare Facilities Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP909867
Telephone number	0208 660 3232
Date of previous inspection	20 November 2017

Information about this early years setting

Kenley Kindergarten registered in 2001. It is located in Whyteleafe, Surrey. The Kindergarten is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 6pm, all year round. It receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The kindergarten employs 12 members of staff, nine of whom hold relevant early years qualifications at level 2 or above, of these three are qualified to level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Danny Lydon

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 provider and has taken that into account in the evaluation of the provider.
- The manager and inspector completed a learning walk together.
- The inspector observed staff and children in their play and spoke with staff at appropriate times.
- Parents shared their views with the inspector.
- A joint observation was carried out with the manager.
- A meeting was held with the manager to discuss their leadership of the setting.
- The inspector reviewed documents relevant to the inspection process.

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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