

Little Stars Nursery

58 Allen Road, London, N16 8RZ



Inspection date	13 June 2018
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		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager and staff work well together to consistently implement procedures to help keep children safe. Policies and procedures are robust, and supervision of staff is effective.
- Staff are secure in their knowledge of children's individual learning needs. They swiftly build trusting relationships with new children, which helps them to quickly settle and feel at ease. All children make good progress.
- Staff develop close partnerships with parents to share information about children's care and learning. Parents speak positively about the setting. They state that staff have a welcoming and friendly approach, the setting has a family feel, and their children look forward to attending.
- Staff and managers monitor children's learning effectively to ensure that individual and groups of children make good progress. They put strategies in place to meet children's individual needs, such as support from outside agencies, to quickly close any gaps in their learning.
- Children behave well. They accept with ease, others joining in with their play.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff miss some opportunities to further promote children's self-help skills, such as at mealtimes.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance opportunities for children to develop their growing independence skills, for example, during mealtimes.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager, and spoke with the staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including children's records and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the nursery.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during children's activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on their learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Janet Tough

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures staff are familiar with risk assessments and the accident procedures. Staff have regular supervisory meetings to support their professional development and improve outcomes for children. They have a secure knowledge of child protection issues and the procedures for reporting concerns. Robust vetting processes ensure suitable staff are employed to work with children. The manager is aware of the nursery's strengths and areas requiring development. For example, she introduced self-help at snack time. The manager is ambitious and communicates high expectations to all. Priorities are set to improve the provision and enhance the environment. Parents speak highly of the staff, commenting they are very happy with the care and education given to their children. They express they feel valued, and are supported in their children's continued learning at home.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are keen learners, and are supported well in their learning. For example, staff help them to learn about the size and texture of shells. Staff plan a wide range of challenging activities to develop children's interests and next steps in learning. All children enjoy listening to stories and remain engaged. For example, outdoor story sessions particularly benefit the early literacy skills of boys. Children learn to be independent, making choices as they select toys from the low-level storage units. Children engage in a good range of activities that helps extend their physical skills. For example, they move enthusiastically during Spanish dancing lessons. Staff skilfully ensure children understand how to handle tools appropriately. For instance, when using a drill, they learn how to keep themselves safe.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children brim with enthusiasm and behave extremely well. They arrive happy and ready to learn and enjoy very warm relationships with staff. Staff make superb use of opportunities to discuss the benefits of healthy eating; for example, in conversations about the health benefits of fresh fruit smoothies. Staff rapidly comfort children who are upset, offering kind words and reassurance. Children are encouraged and highly praised for their achievements; for example, when using the toilet for the first time. Children spend much of their time outdoors, playing together extremely cooperatively, and responding to mathematical questions in their play. For instance, staff ask questions such as 'is it long or short?' Staff promote a highly positive appreciation of diversity in the learning environment, such as through books, Spanish lessons and different cultural celebrations.

Outcomes for children are good

Children are active learners and make good progress from their starting points. They develop essential skills for the next stages of their development. Children enjoy opportunities to develop their early writing skills, and show interest in early reading.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY500938
Local authority	Hackney
Inspection number	1053139
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	23
Name of registered person	Little Stars N16 Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901199
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	02072544367

Little Stars Nursery re-registered in 2016. It operates in Stoke Newington in the London Borough of Hackney. It is open each weekday from 8am until 6pm all year round, except for Christmas and bank holidays. The nursery receives funding for free early education for children aged two, three and four years old. The nursery employs six staff. Of these, three hold relevant childcare qualifications equivalent to level 3.

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