

Little Harriers

Building 139, Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8TB



Inspection date

27 July 2015

Previous inspection date

8 December 2008

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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

- The quality of the teaching across the nursery is outstanding. The well-qualified staff have an excellent knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and are inspirational in their pursuit of providing children with a high-quality provision.
- Staff know children exceptionally well, they are kind and caring. Therefore, children form excellent relationships with staff.
- Staff provide children with an extensive variety of learning experiences, inside and out. Therefore, children are highly motivated in their play and exploration, thoroughly enjoy their time at the nursery, and make excellent progress from their starting points.
- Staff work together extremely well together, planning meticulously for children's moves within the nursery. As a result, children are extremely happy and confident when changing to new rooms.
- Staff have robust policies and procedures to keep children safe. They teach children excellent routines when playing outside, so that children learn about keeping themselves safe.
- Staff develop excellent partnerships with parents. They provide parents with toys and activities that children can play with at home. This supports learning at home as parents become fully involved in their children's learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance how children use technology in their play and exploration to extend their understanding of the world.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to children and staff, at appropriate times, during the inspection.
- The inspector observed activities in the indoor and outdoor areas.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents, spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the provider.
- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documentation, evidence of the suitability of staff, and policies and procedures.

Inspector

Tara Naylor

Inspection findings

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

Children flourish in the nursery, where all staff have an exceptional knowledge of how children learn. Children choose independently from a wide variety of toys and resources that inspire their play. They enjoy a wealth of activities that extend their learning experiences. For example, older children enjoy exploring the outside world as they go on a woodland walk. Children learn about the differences between natural and man-made objects they find. Staff teach children skilfully to count objects, and to estimate and discover if they need to find more. This develops children's thinking skills as they ask questions and solve problems extremely well. However, staff do not always provide opportunities for children to use technology in their activities to extend their exploratory skills. Babies enjoy a variety of play experiences that support their physical development. For example, they enjoy filling buckets with sand, using their excellent coordination skills. Staff talk to children throughout activities. They consistently use all opportunities to introduce and model new words. As a result, children are confident when speaking, and make outstanding progress in their communication and language skills. Managers and staff check children's progress regularly. Planning and assessment is sharply focused on every child's needs, and is shared frequently with staff and parents, to ensure children make excellent progress.

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

Staff use their excellent knowledge of children to support their emotional well-being. They are highly attentive to children's needs, providing children with reassurance and comfort when needed. All staff have a thorough understanding of how to keep children safe. Staff attend regular safeguarding training, and know what they would do if they had concerns about a child's welfare. Staff make excellent use of daily routines to teach children skills that prepare them for their next stage in learning. For example, children learn to feed themselves and manage their personal needs independently. Staff are extremely good role models; they play alongside children, teaching them about taking turns and sharing. Consequently, children behave very well, and develop strong friendships in the nursery.

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

The management team and all staff are committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for children. The provider is inspirational in her continual drive to improve the nursery. Thorough self-evaluation identifies how the nursery can improve even further. The management team uses on-going supervision to maintain excellent staff practice. Recent training by staff has given children greater confidence and curiosity about the natural world. As a result, children benefit from an inspirational learning environment.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY289534
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	826925
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	62
Number of children on roll	91
Name of provider	Little Harriers Partnership
Date of previous inspection	8 December 2008
Telephone number	01483 277299

Little Harriers nursery opened in 2004. It is located at Dunsfold Park, near Cranleigh, Surrey, and follows the Montessori method of teaching. The nursery is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm, for most of the year. The setting is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education to children aged two, three and four years. There are 22 staff, of whom 18 hold relevant childcare qualifications. One holds Early Years Teacher Status and 17 hold relevant qualifications between level 2 and level 3. The nursery has achieved accreditation through the Surrey County Council Early Years Quality Assurance Scheme.

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