

Little Stars Pre School at Emmanuel Church



Emmanuel Church Hall, Shepherds Lane, Stoughton, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9SJ

Inspection date	11 November 2016
Previous inspection date	21 March 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The manager is highly motivated and continually reflects on the quality of teaching, activities and the environment. The manager and staff team fully value the views of parents and children, to continuously enhance this high-quality pre-school.
- Teaching is consistently of very high quality. Staff have in-depth knowledge of how children learn and provide rich, varied experiences for children of different ages. Children make rapid progress in their learning and development from their starting points. They are enthusiastic and independent learners.
- Staff are exemplary role models who help children to show respect, cooperation and consideration to others. Children demonstrate exemplary behaviour. They know and consistently follow the rules of the pre-school.
- Staff provide excellent support for extending children's communication skills including for children learning English as an additional language. Children explore new words and ideas during their activities. Exceptionally skilled staff model language and encourage less confident children to acquire the communication skills they need for future learning.
- The excellent key-person approach helps children to form very close relationships with staff and with each other. Children play exceptionally well together. For example children act out their own experiences by making each other cups of tea and eating cake together in the home corner.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to explore numbers and other mathematical ideas even further, in the environments in which children prefer to play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents to gain their feedback.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents, including staff qualifications and evidence of their suitability checks, and a range of policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager at appropriate times.

Inspector

Jane Morgan

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Management and staff are extremely dedicated to continually improving the quality of the provision and outcomes for all children. For example, they use monitoring opportunities to continually improve children's learning. Stringent recruitment and induction procedures help effectively ensure all adults are suitable to work with children. The manager gives staff excellent support and precisely identifies their training needs, to improve teaching. Staff attend regular training. For example, they have an excellent understanding of current safeguarding procedures and of how to report concerns about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is effective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff are extremely knowledgeable about children's individual needs and have an excellent two-way flow of information with parents. For example, parents share extensive information to identify their children's starting points, learning from home and children's skills in their home languages. Staff make highly accurate assessments of children's development, skilfully plan for their next stages in learning and monitor these carefully so any gaps are quickly and precisely addressed. Staff skilfully encourage children to be creative. For example, they greatly inspire children to explore a wide range of media and materials, and experiment with paint and colours, as they discuss and recreate pictures of famous artwork. Staff build on children's awareness of mathematical language extremely well overall, although not as consistently for children who like being outdoors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff are highly skilled and sensitive, and consistently support all children exceptionally well. Relationships between children and staff are excellent and staff know the children exceedingly well. For example, they know which children need their own space to settle in each session and those who seek cuddles and support for reassurance. Children confidently learn to go off and play independently. They gain an excellent awareness of healthy lifestyles. For example, they know why it is important to clean their teeth and enjoy taking home charts to complete each time they do this.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children consistently show very high levels of confidence and motivation. Younger children learn from older children and quickly gain important skills. For example, children find their coats and learn how to put them on, use the toilet and wash their hands highly confidently. Children have excellent opportunities to explore and find out about technology. For example, they skilfully use the computer and control the mouse to complete tasks. Children are highly motivated and active learners who are well prepared for the next stages in their learning such as school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	120020
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	1061281
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	34
Name of registered person	Emmanuel Church P.C.C
Registered person unique reference number	RP523608
Date of previous inspection	21 March 2013
Telephone number	07789355776

Little Stars Pre School at Emmanuel Church registered 1976 but was known as Emmanuel Playgroup until January 2004. The pre-school is in Stoughton, Guildford. Opening hours are 9.15am to 12.15pm on Monday and Friday, and 9.15am to 2.15pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is an optional lunch club until 1pm, during term time only. The provider receives funding for the provision of free early education to children aged two, three and four years. There are eight staff members. Of these, six staff hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

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