Bright Horizons East Barnet Day Nursery and Preschool



87 Brookside South, East Barnet, Barnet, EN4 8LL

Inspection date Previous inspection date		25 October 2017 Not applicable	
The quality and standards of the	This inspection	on: Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspec	ction: Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff carry out checks to minimise risks to children. Effective daily routines enable children to play in a clean environment and learn the importance of good hygiene.
- Staff use their knowledge of children's interests and assessments well to plan what they need to learn next, to help ensure they make good progress from their starting points.
- Staff provide children with a variety of opportunities to extend their creative skills. For example, children develop techniques to apply paint, print with materials and join things together.
- The leader and management team regularly observe staff practices in the rooms. Staff take part in one-to-one supervisory sessions, attend team meetings and complete training to develop their childcare skills further.
- All children demonstrate increasing physical skills. For example, young babies are learning to crawl and reach for toys. Older babies are learning to walk. Children skilfully pedal their tricycles, and some children can confidently jump and hop on one leg.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, during activities, staff miss opportunities that arise to encourage older children to solve problems, to extend their mathematical skills.
- Children have limited opportunities to develop their knowledge of the environment beyond the nursery to help enhance their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make better use of opportunities to support children's problem-solving skills to enhance their early mathematical development
- increase opportunities for children to explore their surroundings to gain an understanding of the wider environment, to broaden their knowledge and skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the leadership and management team, and staff, at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff interaction with children during activities and at routine times.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including staff records, assessment reports, safeguarding policies and the record of attendance.
- The parents spoke to parents during the inspection, read some parents' written comments and took account of their views.

Inspector Jennifer Liverpool

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The new manager shows enthusiasm and commitment to raise the standards of care and learning for children. She has reviewed the previous self-evaluation report and taken account of comments from staff and parents to identify areas for future development. For example, the manager and staff have plans in place to strengthen the support for children who speak dual languages to increase all children's awareness of other languages. Safeguarding is effective. The leader and management team ensure recruitment procedures are robust so that the staff who work with the children are suitable to do so. Staff have attended safeguarding training and know how to proceed if a child is at risk of harm. In addition, the manager makes sure ratios are maintained so that children are consistently supervised throughout the day.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff obtain relevant information from parents about their child's development when children start, to meet their individual needs and build on their existing skills. Staff look at books with babies and let them handle books for themselves. They regularly read stories to children and encourage them to join in with the words and talk about what interest them in the story. Partnership with parents is good. Staff encourage parents to loan books from the nursery to help enhance their children's early reading skills. Parents indicate that they are happy with the care and teaching their children receive.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are happy and settled in the nursery. They benefit immensely from the caring ways of staff, which help them develop secure attachments and good relationships. Babies enjoy the security of familiar adults, such as their key persons, and older babies begin to grow in confidence to venture away and explore resources. Effective hygiene routines enable children to learn the importance of good hygiene. Staff provide children with nutritious meals that meet their dietary requirements and help them develop good eating habits. Babies enjoy feeding themselves using their fingers to grasp the food and some babies are beginning to eat with a spoon. The staff work in partnership with other agencies to support children who have special educational needs. They also develop links with the local school to help with children's move to school.

Outcomes for children are good

Children enjoy the varied range of practical activities on offer. They explore and find out about changes to different materials, which help to build on their natural curiosity. For example, toddlers discover what happens when they put liquid foam in the water to bathe baby dolls. Children have fun playing with ice. They discover the texture of ice and observe it melting. Children's language skills are developing well overall and they enjoy practising early writing. Children behave well and enjoy each other's company. They learn useful skills in preparation for the next stage of their development and for school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY490890
Local authority	Barnet
Inspection number	1020842
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	87
Number of children on roll	71
Name of registered person	Bright Horizons Family Solutions Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901358
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0208 361 4442

Bright Horizons East Barnet Day Nursery and Preschool registered in 2015. The nursery is situated in East Barnet in the London Borough of Barnet. It opens Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.30pm, all year round. The provider receives funding for the provision of free early education for children age two, three and four years. The provider employs 27 staff, 15 of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications ranging from level 2 to level 6.

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