

Baby Room

18 Old Town, Clapham, London, SW4 0LB



Inspection date

21 July 2017

Previous inspection date

26 January 2017

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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

- Since the last inspection, the manager and staff team have worked hard to make significant improvements. The manager evaluates practice routinely. She uses feedback from parents, staff and children to identify areas for development. This has had a positive impact on the quality of the provision and outcomes for children.
- Staff are positive role models for children. They manage behaviour calmly and encourage children to be sensitive towards others. Children are polite, friendly and well mannered.
- The manager and staff effectively monitor the progress of individual and groups of children. They use this information to highlight areas where children may require additional support and quickly put strategies in place to support them.
- Children play in a welcoming and engaging environment. Staff tailor the nursery rooms to the ages and stages of development of the children based in them. Staff provide enjoyable and exciting activities for children to choose from to help them make good progress in their learning.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not make the most of all opportunities to reinforce children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe.
- At times, staff do not pursue opportunities to develop further children's understanding of the benefits of adopting healthy lifestyles, including through healthy eating.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make the most of opportunities for children to develop their understanding of how to keep themselves safe
- develop more opportunities for children to learn about the importance of healthy lifestyles.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the manager and other staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector engaged with the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff interactions with the children during indoor and outdoor play, snack and lunch times, and hygiene routines.
- The inspector engaged in a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector sampled various documents, including risk assessments, the self-evaluation form, children's records and a range of policies and procedures.

Inspector

Becky Phillips

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. All staff have completed safeguarding training and have a good understanding of how to keep children safe. They are fully aware of the procedures to follow should they have a concern about a child's well-being. The management team has set clear targets following the last inspection, which have improved the quality of the nursery. For example, new planning and assessment procedures have been put in place and the garden area has been redeveloped to provide children with more natural resources. The manager uses thorough systems to check staff remain suitable to work with children. She supports staff and monitors their performance and the quality of teaching well, to ensure children continue to make good progress. Staff undertake regular training to build on their knowledge and skills. For instance, recent training is helping to support staff's understanding of how babies learn and how best to support them.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff know the children well and help them to develop new skills. They plan activities based around children's interests and next steps in learning. Staff follow the children's lead in play and question and support them to extend their learning and development. For example, staff supported children in writing numbers for their racing cars, using a variety of tools and equipment, to support their understanding of numeracy. Staff work closely with parents to keep them informed about their children's progress and involve them in their learning. For example, parents attend regular meetings and are encouraged to share children's learning that takes place at home.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are warm and nurturing towards the children and they help them to form secure emotional attachments. Children are happy and confident, and staff encourage them to share their views and express how they feel. For example, children use a feelings board to communicate how they feel each day. Staff provide good opportunities for children to develop their physical skills. For example, children enjoy using the outdoor play equipment and attending sports sessions. Staff help children to learn about other cultures and communities, and to develop positive attitudes towards others.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress from their starting points and are well prepared for the next stages in their learning. Children are confident communicators. They recall past learning and are eager to express their thoughts and ideas. Older children have good early literacy skills and recognise, sound out and write letters that are important to them. Children gain good independence and manage age-appropriate tasks.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY387820
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	1084068
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 4
Total number of places	37
Number of children on roll	22
Name of registered person	Baby Room Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP525622
Date of previous inspection	26 January 2017
Telephone number	0207 498 9450

Baby Room registered in 2009. It is one of three nurseries run by Baby Room Nurseries Limited and operates from Clapham, London. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6.30pm, for 51 weeks of the year. There are eight members of staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above.

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