

Yellow Dot Town Nursery

Yellow Dot Nursery, 61-63 Leigh Road, EASTLEIGH, Hampshire, SO50 9DF



Inspection date	19 August 2015
Previous inspection date	26 May 2009

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

- Children enjoy exceptionally interesting activities provided by inspirational staff. As a result, children make excellent progress in all areas of their learning and development from their starting points.
- Staff prepare children extremely well when they move rooms or go on to school.
- Management implement the key person approach very effectively. Children form extremely positive relationships with staff and each other and display exemplary behaviour. This helps children settle very quickly and feel safe and secure.
- Overall, the quality of teaching is outstanding. Staff have high expectations of themselves and the children. They use assessment very thoroughly which means they know and understand the children's next steps in learning exceptionally well.
- Staff form very strong partnerships with parents. They regularly inform parents about the progress their children make and provide excellent information about how learning can be continued at home.
- Children develop excellent independence as the caring staff provide children with a wide range of opportunities to practise their skills.
- Management lead the staff team extremely well. This means the staff team work very effectively together to meet children's needs through their high quality practices.
- Management implement excellent procedures and practices to safeguard children's welfare and well-being. This helps staff to keep children exceptionally safe and healthy.
- Management monitor and encourage staff's professional development extremely well through regular reviews of their practice.

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What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to strengthen opportunities for children to freely access a wide range of materials and resources to further extend their imagination and creativity.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the nursery.
- The inspector examined a selection of policies, children's records and other documents.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with parents, staff and children to gain their views
- The inspector discussed the self-evaluation process with the manager, operations manager and lead practitioner.

Inspector

Frances Horgan

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

Staff are extremely good at motivating and supporting children's learning across all ages and abilities, including those with special educational needs. They clearly know the children very well, which helps them to provide exceptionally focused support that is tailored to each child's individual learning needs. Children enjoy an extremely well-resourced learning environment, indoors and outside. For example, they benefit from highly interesting resources that they explore with great curiosity, such as the newly created water wall and the writing den. These activities present meaningful challenges and support children's active independent learning, critical thinking and investigation. However, real life resources are not always available to extend children's creative and imaginative play experiences further. Younger children benefit from very effective interaction with staff. This encourages their high levels of confidence to explore the environment and sensory experiences.

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

Staff are outstanding role models to children. This helps children to develop an excellent understanding of how to behave. Staff provide an exceptionally caring and sensitive settling-in process that fully takes in to account new children's individual needs. Children benefit from very effective activities that support them when they prepare to move rooms or go on to school. For example, they visit their new room, play games which have photographs of staff in their new room, and role play with school uniforms. As a result, they build their confidence extremely well for future changes. Staff promote children's independence extremely well from an early age. Babies' are actively encouraged to feed themselves, toddlers learn to use cutlery skilfully, and older children set the table at mealtimes. This boosts children's confidence as they learn to achieve things for themselves.

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

The manager is an excellent leader who has built a strong team around her through her exceptional communication skills and her desire to achieve the best outcomes for children. She continuously evaluates the practice of the nursery and very skilfully assesses where improvement is needed. Staff work towards higher level qualifications and complete regular training, This has an excellent impact on children's development and staff practice. For example, after completing training, staff very effectively considered how to support boy's early writing skills and provided exceptionally appealing resources and activities to support this. Highly relevant guidance and excellent feedback helps parents to support their children's progress and achievements outside of the nursery.

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY331705
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	827339
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	75
Number of children on roll	146
Name of provider	Yellow Dot Limited
Date of previous inspection	26 May 2009
Telephone number	02380 651166

Yellow Dot Town Nursery registered in 2006. It is one of 11 early years settings run by Yellow Dot Limited. It is situated in a central location in Eastleigh, Hampshire. The nursery opens five days a week throughout the year from 8am to 6pm except for a week at Christmas. It receives funding for free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. The nursery employs 24 members of staff. Of these, 21 staff hold early year's qualifications, including two staff with level 6 qualifications and one member of staff with Early Years Professional Status.

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