

Kid Ease Dover Buckland

Kid Ease Nursery, 1a Milton Road, Dover, Kent, CT16 2BJ



Inspection date	27 June 2016
Previous inspection date	31 May 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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 leadership and management are outstanding. Managers give excellent attention to every aspect of the nursery and implement very effective procedures. All staff work excellently together as a highly efficient team.
- Managers frequently evaluate practice to identify areas for improvement and for ongoing changes. The views of children, staff and parents are gathered effectively to set clear targets to increase the outcomes for all children.
- Every area of the nursery is used to maximum effect. Children learn, develop and play in a highly stimulating and exceptionally well-resourced environment, indoors and outdoors.
- Staff are highly skilled and use specialised training to provide excellent attention to every child's communication and language development, according to their age and need. Children make exceptional progress in all areas of their learning.
- Staff successfully ensure that parents are fully involved with their children's learning. They provide an excellent range of information about children's progress to help extend their learning at home.
- Children's welfare is given excellent attention at all times. Their well-being is closely monitored to help them feel safe, secure and valued at the nursery.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop further the already good opportunities for children to improve their independence skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held meetings with the manager and spoke with parents, children and staff.
- The inspector observed children during activities in each play area and in the outdoor learning environment.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at children's records, planning documentation, policies and procedures.
- The inspector took account of the nursery's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.

Inspector

Mary Vandeppeer

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. All staff have an excellent knowledge and understanding of their responsibility to protect children. They know the procedure to follow if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child in their care. The manager is a highly experienced and dedicated professional who motivates all staff extremely effectively. Any staff training needs are quickly identified and addressed. This helps to ensure that every child is encouraged, appropriately and sensitively, to reach their full potential in their learning and development. The links with parents, other early years providers, specialists and local schools are exceptional. Every child benefits from the sharing of information, as any needs are very swiftly identified, planned for and monitored highly effectively.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff use their extremely thorough knowledge of each child's background and character to help identify the different ways in which they learn. Staff are very skilful in providing highly challenging activities to encourage children's abilities, curiosity and imagination. Opportunities for children to further develop their independence are slightly less evident on occasions. Children benefit from expertly targeted teaching. For example, a focus on mathematics involves innovative activities that very successfully inspire children to count and sort a variety of interesting resources. They learn to understand numbers and to solve mathematical problems. Key persons are highly effective in carrying out efficient observations and tracking children's individual progress.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Care practices and routines are exceptionally well established and monitored to meet individual children's needs. Children feel extremely safe, secure and happy in the staff's care and they form very close and meaningful relationships with key persons. Staff very sensitively use a range of effective methods to build children's self-esteem. For example, they make excellent use of the displays of children's family photographs on low wall posters, to help children settle very quickly. Children display excellent confidence in their self-care skills and independent choices of what they do and play with. Children's behaviour is excellent. Staff praise and compliment children on their achievements, and children develop very high levels of self-esteem. Children display particularly caring attitudes to others and know how to share and take turns where needed.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make exceptionally good progress from their starting points. They engage enthusiastically in their play. For example, children practise their new-found skills as they explore and discover new ways of learning indoors and outdoors. Children consistently develop the skills they need for the next stage in their lives and school readiness.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY286476
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1028763
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 - 8
Total number of places	64
Number of children on roll	74
Name of registered person	Kid Ease Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP905544
Date of previous inspection	31 May 2013
Telephone number	01304 820948

Kid Ease Nursery registered in 2004. It is owned by Kid Ease Limited, which also owns four other nurseries in Kent and Norfolk. The nursery is located in Dover, Kent. It opens each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 51 weeks of the year. There are 13 members of staff working with the children. Of these, two hold relevant qualifications at level 6 and nine hold qualifications from level 2 to level 4. The nursery is in receipt of early years funding for children aged two, three and four years.

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