

Earls Colne Nursery

Earls Colne Primary School, Park Lane, Earls Colne, Colchester, Essex, CO6 2RH



Inspection date	5 May 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable

The setting **meets legal requirements for early years settings**

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The provider and manager have a sound knowledge of the learning and development requirements. They will use this knowledge to plan a range of learning opportunities to meet children's individual needs.
- The provider and manager effectively demonstrate how they promote children's safety and welfare. They carry out daily checks of the environment to ensure that it is safe and secure. In addition, they will support children to understand how to keep themselves safe when climbing on large play equipment and using scissors.
- The provider and manager understand the importance of working closely with parents, to support children's development at the nursery and at home. They recognise the importance of regularly sharing children's achievements and supporting parents with ideas for activities at home, so that children experience consistency in their learning.
- The provider and the manager understand the importance of building up strong relationships with other early years settings and professionals. They will share information about children's learning and development and obtain the appropriate support they need.
- The provider and manager understand the importance of providing children with a warm, welcoming environment, so they feel happy, safe and secure. In addition, they understand how to positively manage children's behaviour.
- The provider and manager can identify the signs and symptoms of abuse and know the appropriate action to take if they have concerns about a child. Their policies and procedures are thorough and detail all information they need to protect children's welfare.
- The provider and manager demonstrate that they know how to positively promote children's health and well-being. They will provide healthy snacks and ensure children have regular physical exercise on the large playing field and in the school hall.
- The provider and manager have a sound knowledge of how to effectively monitor children's progress. They will regularly review children's achievements and evaluate all aspects of their practice, to identify areas where further improvements can be made.
- The provider and manager have a good understanding of how to effectively monitor and evaluate staff's practice. They will provide them with regular supervision to identify areas where staff need more training and support.

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There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Inspection activities

- The inspector and provider toured the areas of the premises where childcare is to be provided.
- The inspector, the provider and the manager discussed and looked at toys, books, resources and equipment that they intend to use.
- The inspector discussed with the provider and the manager how they intend to deliver the educational programme for children.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the provider and manager will use when caring for children and discussed self-evaluation and improvement plans.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and training of the provider and suitability of other childcare staff.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY299007
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	1001078
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	44
Name of provider	Earls Colne Primary School Governing Body
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01787 222205

Earls Colne Nursery was registered in 2004 and is situated in the grounds of Earls Colne Primary School. It employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 8.45am until 11.45am and 12.30pm to 3.30pm, with a lunch club from 11.45am to 12.30pm. The nursery provides funded early education for three- and four-year-old children.

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