

Chingford Mount Baptist Church Pre-School

1a Leadale Avenue, Chingford, E4 8AT



Inspection date	14 January 2016
Previous inspection date	15 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 provide a stimulating indoor play environment with a wide range of interesting activities. Children are eager to play and show good levels of concentration when taking part in their chosen tasks.
- Staff offer good support for new children, helping them to settle in and gain a sense of belonging. Children are very content and relate well to others in the group.
- Staff liaise closely with parents and encourage them to be involved. For example, they ask parents to help out and hold regular parents' meetings. This effectively helps parents to support their children's learning at home.
- Staff encourage children to acquire new skills by taking part in focused activities, such as table-top games. This contributes to children's good progress, especially in the key areas of language, literacy and mathematics.
- The manager efficiently maintains the necessary paperwork and ensures that staff are given opportunities to enhance their practice, for example, by helping them to access relevant training courses.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always make the most of the outdoor play area to provide a variety of alternative learning experiences to complement those offered indoors.
- Staff do not always plan group times effectively in order to provide learning experiences that are of benefit to all children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide a wider range of interesting and relevant learning experiences in the outdoor play area
- organise group times more effectively so that all children fully benefit from the learning experiences available.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children taking part in a range of activities.
- The inspector spoke with staff and parents.
- The inspector interviewed the manager to assess her understanding of the early years.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity with the manager.
- The inspector sampled the documentation, with particular reference to children's progress and safeguarding.

Inspector

Jill Nugent

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager has a very good understanding of the statutory requirements. She is well qualified to lead and inspires staff through her commitment to the group. She monitors staff performance and checks their assessments of children's progress. She continually looks for ways to improve the setting and actively encourages staff to seek professional development. Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures clear information is available about safeguarding and child protection procedures for staff and parents. Staff are vigilant regarding children's safety and attentive to good hygiene. The manager works closely with other professionals to support children who have special educational needs. Staff attend local network meetings alongside practitioners from other settings. This effectively helps them to keep up to date and helps generate new teaching ideas.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff offer good support for all children as they join in their play and interact with them. For example, staff offer help, ask questions and introduce other resources to extend children's learning. Staff are aware of children's abilities and interests. They are flexible in their approach and help children to learn at their own pace. This enables children to explore their interests further and to develop the confidence to learn independently. Staff take opportunities in adult-directed activities to increase children's use of language and understanding of different concepts. Staff make good use of stories and props, such as a selection of fresh fruits, to encourage children's thinking and communication. They promote an awareness of different cultures and help children to learn about the local community. This ensures children are well prepared for their future learning at school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff show a caring attitude towards children and help them build relationships so that they feel happy. Staff are consistent in their behaviour management strategies. They think carefully about the arrangement of activities to help avoid disputes among children. Children have plenty of space to move around and can choose to play alone or with others. Often they become absorbed in their own exploration and enjoy the freedom to play without distraction. They develop friendships with other children and have fun devising games together. This helps them to learn about sharing and taking turns. Staff effectively raise children's awareness of healthy eating by offering a range of healthy foods at snack time. Children develop strong physical skills and enjoy fresh air daily.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress in their learning from their individual starting points. Staff are knowledgeable about children's learning needs and offer appropriate support for children through their individual stages of development.

Setting details

Unique reference number	155087
Local authority	Waltham Forest
Inspection number	841960
Type of provision	Sessional 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	30
Number of children on roll	22
Name of provider	Chingford Mount Baptist Church Pre-School
Date of previous inspection	15 March 2011
Telephone number	0208 559 3903

Chingford Mount Baptist Church Pre-School Playgroup registered in 1993. It operates from a church hall in Chingford in the London Borough of Waltham Forest. The pre-school playgroup is open every weekday during term time from 9.30am until 12.30pm and, at certain times during the year, from 1pm until 3pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. The pre-school playgroup is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early years education to children aged two, three and four years. The pre-school playgroup employs six members of staff, all of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications.

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