

## **INSPECTION OF THE NURSERY EDUCATION PROVISION FOR FUNDED THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS.**

### **How effective is the nursery education?**

Collingham Gardens Nursery offers high quality provision, helping children to make very good progress towards the early learning goals.

The quality of teaching is very good. Staff have a secure knowledge of the foundation stage and of how children learn. They meet weekly to plan and evaluate a carefully structured curriculum that provides rich and stimulating experiences. Staff adopt a holistic approach, they are highly organised and arrange the play areas to encourage children to make decisions, develop confidence and be independent. Effective records of children's attainment and progress, close team working and insightful observations, ensure staff have a thorough knowledge of each child's needs. Consequently, they successfully accommodate the different ways children learn by planning for the same learning objective in a range of different ways. This enables children to successfully initiate their own play and staff are effectively deployed to support children. They carefully frame questions to support and extend thought processes and encourage a positive attitude towards learning. Staff are effective role models and skilfully foster an environment of mutual respect where children's opinions are valued. Their realistic expectations and sensitive support is reflected in the children's good behaviour. There are effective systems in place to support children with special needs. Children with English as an additional language receive good support.

The leadership of the group is very good. The manager's clear vision and commitment to providing high quality care and education is shared by all staff and is evident in all areas of practice. The team are established, positive and motivated and have regular access to training. Clear systems support reflective thinking to ensure effective practice.

Good relationships, communication and shared children's records ensure staff and parents work together to create a positive learning experience for each child.

### **What is being done well?**

- Partnership with parents is very good. Staff work very closely alongside parents through the established and clear system of sharing records and information to create a positive learning experience for each child. Parents are valued and contribute to the nursery in a number of different ways in