



## **Rushcroft Primary**

Inspection report for early years provision

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## ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

### The key inspection judgements and what they mean

*Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality*

*Good: this aspect of the provision is strong*

*Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound*

*Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough*

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## THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Rushcroft Owls opened in 2003 and operates from Rushcroft Primary School in Shaw, a suburb of Oldham. A maximum of 16 children may attend at any one time.

The provision is open each weekday from 08:00 to 09:00 and 15:15 to 17:45 Monday to Friday during term time. There is an outdoor play area for the children.

There are currently 26 children on roll who attend a variety of sessions.

The group currently employs two staff. The person in charge has an appropriate

qualification and the other member of staff is working towards a qualification.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a clean and well maintained environment where they learn about taking care of themselves. They understand the importance of washing their hands after going to the toilet and before eating. They are protected from infection as staff maintain good hygiene routines and a suitable sick children and exclusion policy is in place.

Children's snacks take into account their individual dietary requirements to ensure that they stay healthy. However, staff should endeavour to provide a wider range of snacks that encourage healthy eating.

Children have good opportunities to enjoy physical activities, which contributes to their health and develops their strength. They are able to rest or be active according to their needs. They develop self confidence in their physical skills by using a range of outdoor equipment that is regularly updated.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have sufficient space to move around freely and play comfortably. The risk of accidental injury is minimised by children's awareness of safety rules and staff reminders to take care of themselves and each other. They are protected by good safety procedures whilst they are on the premises, such as fire safety drills and regular risk assessments. However, staff should ensure that they record all visitors to the premises.

Children have access to a good range of safe, well maintained equipment and a secure outdoor area. Resources are all good quality and sufficient in quantity to meet the children's needs. They are well organised to allow children to make choices about their play, which improves their confidence and independence skills.

Children are well protected. Both staff have received training in child protection and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities under the Children Act. They are aware of the types of abuse and signs to look for and the children's welfare is paramount.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is good.

Children are comfortable and relaxed in the setting. Their confidence is promoted by positive relationships with staff and their understanding of children's individual needs

and personalities. Children are given good attention and staff ask questions and initiate discussion with them.

Children are confident and self assured in their play. Their independence skills and self sufficiency are developed through easily accessible resources and equipment. Children experience a wide variety of play experiences and outdoor play is available daily in fair weather, to enable children to have fresh air and exercise.

They are given praise and encouragement by motivated staff, who provide interesting and well prepared activities throughout the session. Children have access to lots of creative and craft activities, table and floor play, group games and construction toys.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's individual needs are fully discussed with parents and are competently met by staff. They gain an awareness of their local environment and other cultures through their activities and are encouraged to value others as individuals. This ensures that children feel important and develop a sense of belonging. However, children would benefit from a wider range of resources that reflect all aspects of diversity.

The staff speak positively to the children at all times and work hard at building their self esteem. Their social skills and respect for other people and property are developed through the use of good manners and sharing. Children are developing an understanding of responsible behaviour and their efforts are rewarded by praise and encouragement from the staff who give awards for the star of the week.

Children benefit from positive relationships that staff have developed with them and their parents. Staff have input into the school newsletter and there is a regularly updated website. However, there is little written information about the service for new parents. Continuity of care and consistency for children is ensured through informal daily feedback to parents.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

Children are well cared for. They benefit from good organisation and care from enthusiastic staff. Their development is enhanced by the individual support they receive and the provision of stimulating activities. Staff are well deployed to meet their needs. Children's freedom of choice is enhanced by a well organised and set out environment.

All required documentation is in place, which contributes to the children's health, well being and safety. Policies and procedures are clear and well detailed.

Children are protected from harm by the staff's vigilance and supervision. They are trained in first aid and their service is enhanced by their commitment to further

training and personal development.

Overall the provision meets the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides care.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

Not applicable.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

There are no complaints to report.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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### **WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?**

#### **The quality and standards of the care**

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure that snacks served encourage healthy eating
- ensure that all visitors to the premises are recorded
- ensure that resources reflect all areas of diversity and anti-discriminatory practice
- ensure that information about the service is made available to parents.

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