

Sherwood Childcare Edwinstowe

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Description of the setting

Sherwood Childcare Options Ltd, Edwinstowe was registered in 2010. It operates within the family centre, situated at King Edwin primary school, Edwinstowe, north Nottinghamshire. The provision is registered on the Early Years Register, also on both the compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register. There is easy walking distance to local parks, schools and shops.

They are registered to provide care for a maximum of 40 children under eight years of age. There are currently 103 on roll and of these seven are in the early years age group. Care is provided before and after school and during most school holidays. The setting is closed all public bank holidays and for two weeks over the Christmas holiday period. It opens from 7:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm term time only and during the school holidays is open between 7:30am to 6:00pm.

There are seven staff employed at the setting, six of whom hold a relevant childcare qualification appropriate to their post. The setting receives support from the local authority. The setting drops off and collects children from both King Edwin primary school and St Mary's Church of England primary school also in the village.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the quality of the provision is good.

Children's welfare is promoted by a caring staff team. All required policies and procedures are in place. The needs of children are generally met as staff recognise and promote the uniqueness of each child, ensuring each child receives adequate support. Children have fun and are making good progress in their learning and development. Clear partnership working helps to promote an integrated approach to children's care and learning experiences. The planning for improvement including processes of self-evaluation is effective to ensure continuous improvement.

What steps need to be taken to improve provision further?

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- ensure all children receive an enjoyable and challenging, learning and development experience.

The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision

Children are cared for in a welcoming setting, where activities and resources are set out within the designated play area to enable free choice to children. Records, policies and procedures are all in place and implemented, to ensure children are

safeguarded and that their welfare is promoted fully. Appropriate recruitment, vetting and induction procedures are followed to ascertain the suitability of staff working with children. Children are supervised at all times to help prevent accidental injuries, because staff ensure they are deployed well at all times. A good range of age appropriate activities and resources are available for children to self-select from. Staff demonstrate good knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding procedures which are in place and their responsibilities to ensure children are safeguarded. The premises are safe and secure and staff undertake regular risk assessments and ensure any identified hazards are minimised.

The organisation of the environment and the deployment of resources does not always fully support children in the early years age range as staff do not consistently ensure all children are able to actively participate in all the activities, for example, when a large group are participating in a craft activity, children in the early years age group are not always fully supported and lose interest in the activity. Overall, children's individuality is respected as they are valued and treated equally. Staff plan and provide enjoyable and challenging experiences for children to help them become independent learners and develop their confidence and self-esteem. For example, children have enjoyed planting various vegetables, herbs and flowers in the garden and they look forward to community events such as the 'Robin Hood' festival, which they are all participating in.

Staff work well with parents and carers, exchanging and sharing relevant information, to ensure children's needs are met. The setting have established good links with the schools to ensure children benefit from a more integrated approach to their care and learning experiences. The setting strives to develop their practice and have implemented a full system of self-evaluation to collate the views of everyone involved with the setting, to ensure continuous improvement for the future.

The quality and standards of the early years provision and outcomes for children

Children are very happy and settled at the setting. Play is purposeful and staff give encouragement and ideas about activities. Children are involved in activities and confidently self-select and enjoy activities alone, in small groups or with an adult. Staff are good at getting the children to think critically as they pose challenging questions. Interactions are very good and the children benefit from staff that take an interest in what they have to say. Children's good health and well-being is promoted well. Staff take effective action to prevent the spread of infection and children know and follow the hand washing routines before eating and after using the toilet.

Staff demonstrate good knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage as they support children's learning and development. Children's communication skills are well promoted as staff and children hold conversations about their experiences, families and lives. They are learning good social skills as they follow the setting's rules based on respect, kindness and safety. Children are encouraged and do consider and help each other. A strong sense of self is

promoted as staff use positive encouragement and praise. Children have access to a wide variety of resources and role play situations that enhance their awareness and development of knowledge and understanding of the world, with many opportunities planned and provided for them to become more aware of their local community.

The learning environment supports children's progress towards the early learning goals. Activities and themes are extended and developed from children interests, ideas and events. Children have the opportunity to undertake and enjoy many free expression activities, such as forming their own music band, small world and role play. Children's welfare and safety is fully supported. They feel safe in the group and with the staff as they confidently approach adults and respond positively to the established hygiene and safety routines. To promote healthy living and physical skills children enjoy access to a secure outside area which is resourced with a variety of climbing and balancing equipment and various ball games.

Annex A: record of inspection judgements

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Grade 1 is Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Grade 2 is Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Grade 3 is Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Grade 4 is Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

How well does the setting meet the needs of the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage?	2
The capacity of the provision to maintain continuous improvement	2

The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision

The effectiveness of leadership and management of the Early Years Foundation Stage	2
The effectiveness of leadership and management in embedding ambition and driving improvement	2
The effectiveness with which the setting deploys resources	2
The effectiveness with which the setting promotes equality and diversity	2
The effectiveness of safeguarding	2
The effectiveness of the setting's self-evaluation, including the steps taken to promote improvement	2
The effectiveness of partnerships	2
The effectiveness of the setting's engagement with parents and carers	2

The quality of the provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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The extent to which children achieve and enjoy their learning	2
The extent to which children feel safe	2
The extent to which children adopt healthy lifestyles	2
The extent to which children make a positive contribution	2
The extent to which children develop skills for the future	2

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Annex B: the Childcare Register

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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met