

Wizz Kids Pre-School

Inspection report for early years provision

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Description of the setting

Wizz Kids Pre-School is a committee run group with charitable status. It opened in 2001 and operates from a single storey building in the grounds of Totley Primary School, in the Totley area of Sheffield. Children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. A maximum of 30 children aged under eight years may attend the setting at any one time, of whom 10 may be under two years. The pre-school is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm all year round, with the exception of two weeks at Christmas. In addition, the setting offers holiday care, breakfast and an after school club to children attending Totley Primary School and Totley All Saints School.

There are currently 66 children on roll, of whom 47 are in the early years age range. The setting supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and also supports children who speak English as an additional language. The setting is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

There are eight members of staff, including the manager, who work directly with the children. Of these, five hold appropriate qualifications at Level 3 in early years, one has an early years degree, and one holds a qualification at Level 2. The setting is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and receives support from the local authority.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the quality of the provision is good.

Children thoroughly enjoy their time in this welcoming and inclusive setting. They make very good progress towards the early learning goals through a varied and interesting range of activities. Policies and procedures are thorough and relevant and are implemented effectively to safeguard and promote children's welfare. The setting demonstrates a strong capacity to improve, having implemented a number of positive changes. The management team are constantly evaluating and identifying further areas for improvement.

What steps need to be taken to improve provision further?

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

- ensure the planning system consists of a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities and that these are clearly identified.

The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision

The manager and staff work together as a motivated and cohesive team. They share a commitment to offering the best possible experiences to children and their families. Children are cared for by staff who have completed a wide range of training to ensure they have good knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Clear vetting procedures are in place to ensure that children are cared for by suitable people and all staff have an up-to-date understanding of safeguarding children issues. Required policies and procedures are in place and records are carefully maintained. A previous recommendation was to ensure that medication records include the health reasons for administering medicines. This has been addressed successfully and all information is now recorded effectively. Thorough risk assessments of the areas accessed by the children are conducted and the setting is stringent in the organisation of routines to ensure children's safety is prioritised.

The management team and staff strive to improve their practice and work hard to monitor and evaluate the quality and standards at the setting. Regular staff meetings provide valuable opportunities for staff to share good practice and to identify their training needs. A positive equality and diversity policy outlines a commitment to promoting inclusive practice at the setting, ensuring all children can achieve their full potential, regardless of their background. Staff's organisation of the environment and resources effectively supports children to become independent learners and develop confidence.

Children benefit from the warm and relaxed relationships that have been established between their parents and the settings staff. Parents are well informed through daily exchange of information about their children's care, learning and development, ensuring that children's changing needs are consistently met. Managers and staff have successfully established links with other early years professionals and external agencies to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. In addition, staff have built close links with the other early years settings that children attend to ensure continuity of care and learning.

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

Children are happy and settled within the warm and welcoming environment where they have many opportunities to make good progress in their all round development. Staff engage very well with the children and develop positive relationships. They praise children's achievements, which motivates children to learn and develop positive self-esteem. An effective key person system enables parents to feel confident and children to feel safe within the setting.

Staff have a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and provide a

range of enjoyable activities. Planning documents cover the six areas of learning well and although there is a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities this is not clearly identified on the planning. Ongoing observations and assessments are undertaken by the staff and provide a clear insight into the children's progress and achievements. Children are relaxed, confident, behave well, are eager to participate in activities and remain actively engaged. They enjoy stories and listen avidly when books are read by staff. They are well supported to mark make and develop early writing skills. For example, children have made posters for their 'building site' outdoors. Children frequently count during games and activities and have good opportunities to recognise numbers and learn simple calculation through songs and rhymes. A well-resourced role play area encourages children to use their imagination and to play cooperatively as they act out scenarios, such as pretend cooking and nursing dollies. Children have access to natural materials and develop good fine motor skills as they play with soil, water and a variety of media.

Their awareness of the wider world is extended in a number of ways. For example, through daily resources and involvement in a range of activities which look at different cultures from around the world. Children's information and communication technology skills are promoted well as they experience and freely access a computer, compact disc player and a range of battery and programmable toys, such as metal detectors.

Children are learning about the importance of healthy foods well as they have a very good variety of healthy and nutritious snacks and meals provided, which they serve themselves. A clear sick child policy and the good hygiene routines followed by the children are effective in helping to prevent cross-infection. Children feel safe and secure as staff ensure a safe environment and teach children how to use equipment safely. Good improvements have been made in the use of the outdoor space and staff now ensure children are supported in all areas of learning when outdoors. However, the outdoor area is still under construction and staff have a positive action plan in place to continue to develop this area further.

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

Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage	2
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
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