

Downhill Centre

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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Description of the setting

The Downhill Centre is run by a committee. It opened in 2004 and operates from an open plan room divided into three playrooms within the old Downhill Primary School in Sunderland. A maximum of 26 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. All children share access to a fully enclosed outdoor play area.

Children are able to attend for a variety of sessions. The setting is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. It would support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language. There were no children on roll when this inspection took place.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The manager demonstrates through discussion and documentation, her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance. She uses this knowledge to support children in making progress in their learning and development. Evidence suggests that the setting had developed links with parents and other providers to help support children's welfare. Systems are in place for observation and assessment to support children's progress towards the early learning goals. The manager discusses how she would support staff to plan a varied range of activities indoors and out to develop children's knowledge of the world around them.

The manager demonstrated through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if they have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in their care. A policy for safeguarding includes the action to take and telephone numbers of who to contact are in place. The premises are safe and secure and risks are assessed and regularly reviewed. A wide range of policies to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and would be shared with parents.

The manager has a positive attitude to inclusion and has developed partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies. She understands the importance of sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. A behaviour management procedure is in place and the manager confidently talks about providing children with lots of praise and encouragement to support good behaviour. The setting can provide healthy meals and snacks for all children.

Systems are in place to help drive continuous improvement, such as, using the Ofsted self-evaluation tool, attending relevant training and working with the local authority advisors to develop the provision and help promote outcomes for children. Recommendations and actions from the previous inspection have been implemented to develop the service provided and promote outcomes for children.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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