

Hawkhurst Pre-School

Hawkhurst Church of England Primary School, Fowlers Park, Rye Road, Hawkhurst,
CRANBROOK, Kent, TN18 4JJ



Inspection date	12 February 2015
Previous inspection date	18 June 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide a stimulating and nurturing environment which engages and interests children.
- Staff understand how to teach and extend knowledge and understanding for different groups of children, so that all children make good progress.
- Staff develop children's understanding of healthy eating through providing a wide range of healthy options and talk constantly to children about the benefits of eating well.
- There is a highly effective key-person system which ensures that children's individual needs are met.
- All staff have had safeguarding training. They understand the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about children in their care. This helps to ensure children's welfare and well-being.
- The manager and her team work closely with other professionals, such as the local health visitor and school reception teachers, to ensure that children and their families are fully supported.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always fully encourage children to use the mathematical resources provided, in their own play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching both inside and outside.
- The inspector looked at children's observations and assessment records.
- The inspector sampled policies and procedures and saw evidence of the qualifications and suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to the manager throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to parents.

Inspector

Victoria Cheeseman

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

The quality of teaching is consistently good. Staff allow children time to develop their own ideas but are always close at hand to support their learning. Staff track children's progress effectively to ensure that all children make good progress from their starting points. Staff have recently developed a theme of emotions to help children understand that it is important to love yourself as well as others. Staff support older children and help prepare them well for when they start school. Staff provide resources to develop children's thinking. In the construction area, staff provide pictures of real buildings to ignite children's imagination and creativity. However, staff do not always fully encourage children to use mathematical resources in their own play.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is outstanding

Staff work in partnership with parents to ensure that all children's needs are met. Parents comment that they are kept well informed of their child's day. Staff have high expectations of all children and praise them as they learn, so that they are excited and motivated to try new things. Staff support children extremely well to be independent and are excellent role models, consequently children are confident and behave well. Children develop very good social skills as they share, take turns and are kind and polite to each other. There is a very strong commitment to keeping children safe. There are very good procedures in place for dealing with and recording accidents.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The manager has thoroughly implemented all requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is forward thinking and has a strong commitment to her own and staff's professional development. The manager conducts regular supervisions and implements a rolling programme of training to ensure that all staff are knowledgeable and confident in their roles. The manager regularly checks children's progress to identify quickly where extra support is required. This helps to ensure that all children are making good progress in relation to their starting points. The manager works closely with her staff and committee to self-evaluate and make improvements where required.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY440900
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	824550
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	45
Name of provider	Hawkhurst Pre-School
Date of previous inspection	18 June 2012
Telephone number	01580754226

Hawkhurst Pre-school registered in 2010 and is adjacent to the Primary School in Hawkhurst. It is open each weekday from 9am until 3pm, apart from Wednesday when it finishes at 12pm. The pre-school receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two-, three- and four-years-old. There are eight members of staff. The manager has a BA Degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status.

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