

Noah's Ark Pre-school

St. Johns Church Hall, Forton Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 4TQ



Inspection date

23 March 2015

Previous inspection date

17 September 2008

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

- The children benefit from a wonderful outside area where they can choose from a wide variety of exciting resources. They are able to explore role play and use their imaginations as they play.
- Children thoroughly enjoy their time at the pre-school. They are welcomed into a warm and friendly environment, by staff who meet the children's welfare and learning needs with great success. Children develop strong emotional bonds and trusting relationships with the staff.
- The manager and staff team works very well together. They have a very good understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They all demonstrate a strong commitment to promoting high- quality provision.
- Children benefit from the very successful partnership between the staff and parents, who share key information effectively between them. Parents express confidence in the very good standard of care, the communication and their child's preparation for the future.
- Children feel safe and secure in the pre-school and very good arrangements for safeguarding the children are in place. All staff have a very good understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always extend the older children's learning effectively through questioning and by providing extra challenge to activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- support the older children further in their learning by planning more challenging activities and extending their thinking through effective questioning

Inspection activities

- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and spoke to children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff interaction with the children during activities in the inside and outside areas.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and sampled other documentation, including safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to during the inspection.

Inspector

Alison Large

Inspection findings

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

Staff create a stimulating environment, where the atmosphere is positive and encouraging. Children make very good progress in all areas of their development. They are confident and keen to join in activities. Staff help children to develop their ability to communicate. For example, they encourage children to take part in a speaking and listening small-group time, where they support children to rhyme words and describe animals they would like to be. Staff demonstrate good teaching methods as they interact and sit at the children's level, maintaining eye contact. Staff mostly use good questioning skills and give children time to think and respond. However, some of the older children become restless at times during group activities, as staff miss opportunities to challenge them and extend their learning through effective questioning. Staff use very good assessment, planning and monitoring systems, to ensure that activities and learning experiences fully support children's needs, which promotes children's progress towards all the early learning goals.

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

Children develop very warm relationships with each other and with staff. An excellent key-person system enables all children to be ready for the next stages in their learning. Staff provide an excellent range of accessible resources, which promotes children's independence. All children benefit from lots of opportunities to learn and explore, within the inside and outside environments. Children behave extremely well. They develop very good social skills and interact very well together. Children learn very good hygiene routines. Staff use very effective systems to establish any health or dietary issues children may have. Staff promote the children's health and safety well. Children are secure and safe, feeling a sense of belonging. They take great pleasure in carrying out risk assessments in the outside area with staff, which helps children learn how to keep themselves safe. Staff use excellent procedures to smooth children's move on to school.

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

Staff are well deployed to ensure good supervision of children at all times. Clear procedures are used for recruitment and vetting of staff. Staff attend training events to increase their professional development, which has had a very good impact on the learning experiences they offer children. Children benefit from staff that work well together as a team and share a commitment to improvement. Staff use effective systems of self-evaluation to identify good practice and areas for development. Staff liaise well with the other early years providers children attend. This results in a fully shared approach to children's care and learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	507947
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	842263
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	31
Name of provider	Noah's Ark Pre-School Committee
Date of previous inspection	17 September 2008
Telephone number	07790 227 173

Noah's Ark Pre-school first opened in 1988 and registered with Ofsted in 2001. It is managed by a voluntary committee and has charitable status. The pre-school operates from the church hall of St John's Church in the Gosport area of Hampshire. The pre-school is open each weekday from 9am to 12 noon, during term time only. The pre-school runs a Monday and Thursday afternoon session with a lunch club offered. The pre-school receives funding for free early education sessions for children aged two, three and four years. There are six members of staff employed to work with the children; all staff hold relevant early years qualifications.

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