

WACI (Welton Afterschool Club Initiative)



Welton Primary School, Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2AG

Inspection date 12 May 2015
Previous inspection date 12 May 2011

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		Good	2
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

- Children have good relationships with the staff. Staff support children well in their chosen activities and praise them for their achievements. As a result, children feel valued and behave extremely well.
- Children play in a safe and secure environment. There are good safeguarding procedures in place. Staff understand their role and responsibility to safeguard children, and know what to do if they have a concern about a child's welfare.
- Children follow good hygiene routines. They enjoy healthy snacks and meals, and enjoy daily opportunities for outside play. This successfully promotes their good health.
- Children thoroughly enjoy attending the club. They take part in a wide range of activities, which interest them and complement their learning at school. As a result, children are happy and settled.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although children enjoy craft activities, they do not have access to a wide range of materials to express their creativity. In addition, they do not always have ready access to a wide range of resources that further supports their imagination and role play activities.
- There is a good range of toys and resources available for the children. However, staff do not always organise them well so that the children can make independent and spontaneous choices in play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to access a wider range of resources to be creative and use their imaginations
- improve the storage and presentation of resources, so that children can easily find what they want to play with.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play and staff interactions inside and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with the manager, children and staff throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including welfare records.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day of the inspection and in questionnaires.

Inspector

Michelle Tuck

Inspection findings

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

The enthusiastic staff team provides exciting activities, which develop and extend children's learning and skills. Children have the choice to play inside or outside. They co-operate well with one another to organise games of football, make pictures from beads and learn new skills, such as how to knit. Staff interact well with the children, and show a genuine interest in what the children have to say. Children go on outings to the park and hunt for bugs in the woods. They have strong links with an elderly people's home, which they visit and join them for events, such as to sing carols at Christmas time. This provides the children with a strong sense of community. Staff chat to the children and get involved in their play. They encourage the children to talk about their activities and ask for their ideas. This helps them gain confidence in communicating and gives them a strong sense of belonging. As a result, children openly express their love of coming to the club and feel that their opinion is valued.

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

Staff know the children well and share close relationships with them. This fosters children's emotional well-being and helps them to settle in at the club. There is a strong focus on outdoor play and physical activities. This successfully nurtures children's physical well-being. Staff teach the children how to keep themselves safe. For example, children know they must tell staff when they move from outside to inside. Staff teach the children about healthy lifestyles. Children know they must wash their hands before having a snack and enjoy the sociable occasion of having their tea together.

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

Management and staff demonstrate a secure understanding of their responsibilities to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff supervise children appropriately, carry out risk assessments and take action to minimise hazards. This helps to keep children safe. There is thorough vetting, recruitment and on-going checks to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. The management and staff regularly reflect on their practice, children's experiences and discuss training needs. Parents and children provide their feedback and ideas through questionnaires. Staff have completed training to gain skills and ideas for outside activities. As a result, children make fire pits and take part in cookouts, which they thoroughly enjoy. Partnerships with parents are strong. Parents comment that the club is 'fab' and say what a struggle it is to get their children to come home. Staff establish excellent links with the teaching staff at the school. Consequently, staff understand children's needs and meet these successfully.

Setting details

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Local authority	Bath & NE Somerset
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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 14
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	101
Name of provider	WACI (Welton Afterschool Club Initiative) Committee
Date of previous inspection	12 May 2011
Telephone number	01761 413131

WACI (Welton After School Club Initiative) registered in 2003. The club operates from the dining room of Welton Primary School in Midsomer Norton, Somerset. It is open from 3.15pm to 6pm during term times. The setting also runs a holiday club that opens from 8am until 6pm. There are six members of staff employed, of which five have Level 3 qualifications and one has a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

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