

Fun Days Nursery

Waggon Road Young Peoples Centre, Waggon Road, Brightmet, Bolton, BL2 5AB



Inspection date

9 July 2015

Previous inspection date

29 November 2011

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Good | 2 |
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| | 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

- The staff team hold relevant childcare qualifications and attend training that is matched to their individual training and support needs. This has a positive impact on children's learning.
- Staff build strong relationships with children and they know the precise capabilities of each individual child. As a result, children settle quickly and become highly independent, because staff provide a balance of nurture and challenge appropriate to the unique needs of each child.
- Children's behaviour is encouraged through high expectations in all that they do. Therefore, children develop an age-appropriate understanding of right and wrong.
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities are very well supported. Staff are committed to identifying any gaps in children's learning promptly. They work with parents and external agencies to put in place effective strategies.
- Staff and managers give consistently high regard to safety procedures. Safer recruitment practices, regular supervision meetings and frequent discussion about safeguarding ensures that children are protected from harm.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Sometimes, staff do not pause between questions to give children time to respond.
- The methods used to share best practice and encourage the highest quality teaching from all staff are not yet highly effective.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- give children more time to respond to questions
- support staff to share best teaching practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the nursery with the provider.
- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff, parents and children at appropriate times during the inspection and held meetings with the managers.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with a manager.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records and the planning documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with children and the provider's procedures for self-evaluation.

Inspector

Emma Barrow

Inspection findings

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

Staff know when to guide children and when to give them the freedom and encouragement to make their own decisions. Staff are particularly good at changing regular activities into exciting learning experiences. Children enjoy looking for slugs as staff read a story about a slug. They develop their mathematical understanding by the way they are encouraged to count their toys. Children continue to count and staff join in as children begin to struggle to say which number comes next. Staff interact with children and overall they skilfully challenge their learning. However, on occasion staff do not always pause in-between questions, in order to give children sufficient time to respond. Staff place a strong emphasis on preparing children for their move to school. Children develop their skills and are confident to sit in a circle and listen to one another as they take turns to talk.

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

The nursery and outdoor spaces are safe. Children are very happy, have settled well and have formed strong friendships with their friends and staff. They have access to a good range of toys and equipment. Staff are polite and courteous and are excellent role models for the children. Children behave appropriately and any minor disputes are calmly and positively managed by staff. Children eat healthy snacks, wash their hands when required and brush their own teeth after lunch. In addition, they have good access to the outdoors where they exercise in the fresh air. Children are keen to be active in their play and staff encourage them to develop their physical skills. This supports children to develop healthy habits.

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

Managers have a strong understanding of their responsibilities to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They have implemented effective assessment methods and children's progress is closely monitored by managers. Managers regularly observe staff practice and some staff are exceptionally skilled and highly qualified. The staff team work very well together. However, staff are not always encouraged to share their knowledge and skills with each other. Staff also have shared aims about what needs to improve and what is working well. The managers constantly reflect on the service they provide and they ensure that the views of parents are included. Since the previous inspection, managers have improved support for staff through regular training. This commitment to ongoing training ensures the nursery continues to meet statutory obligations and develop skills which support practice.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | EY429158 |
| Local authority | Bolton |
| Inspection number | 874528 |
| Type of provision | Full-time provision |
| Registration category | Childcare - Non-Domestic |
| Age range of children | 0 - 8 |
| Total number of places | 30 |
| Number of children on roll | 46 |
| Name of provider | Anne Christine Haslam |
| Date of previous inspection | 29 November 2011 |
| Telephone number | 01204 334 263 |

Fun Days Nursery was registered in 2011. The nursery employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above. The setting opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 8.30am until 5pm. The setting provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children and it supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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