

# Yalding Playscheme

Yalding C of E Primary School, Vicarage Road, Yalding, Maidstone, Kent, ME18 6DP



<b>Inspection date</b>	4 August 2015
Previous inspection date	10 August 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	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 <b>meets legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- Staff plan a wide range of activities according to children's interests and ideas. As a result, children engage in good quality play, which they thoroughly enjoy.
- Children's behaviour is good and staff are positive role models. Staff are effectively deployed and provide clear guidance for children about what is acceptable behaviour.
- Children demonstrate that they are safe, happy and motivated. This is because staff form positive relationships with them and their families.
- Effective partnerships with parents help to support continuity for children's care and welfare.
- The manager and staff are very passionate and committed to the continuous development of the playscheme. They work closely together to ensure children benefit from an improving provision.
- The manager and staff have a strong knowledge of safeguarding and the produces to follow should they have any concerns about children's welfare. As a result, children are protected well.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- The quality of teaching varies when children take part in larger group activities. As a result, younger children occasionally become distracted and lose interest.
- Staff do not always provide a wide range of opportunities that reflect positive images to further support children's awareness of diversity and the wider world.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- revise the organisation of large-group activities to maintain children's concentration
- strengthen opportunities for children to learn about the wider world.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at evidence of the suitability of staff working with the children, planning and a selection of policies and procedures.

### Inspector

Nicola Jones

## Inspection findings

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

Children enjoy their time at the playscheme. They have fun with friends of different ages in a welcoming and exciting environment. Staff provide children with many activities that complement their learning in school. For example, children learn about different animals during a visit from an outside company. They have opportunities to write, draw, make models and play sport games. Staff highly value children's ideas. For example, children discuss the activities they would like to do throughout the three weeks of the playscheme. Furthermore, staff encourage children to add their ideas to the planning board on a daily basis. This gives them a sense of responsibility and belonging. Children use their imaginative skills well, for example, as they engage a zoo role play. Older children play closely with the younger children to make tickets to see the animals. As a result, children develop good social skills and learn to work as a team.

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

Children are independent in their care routines and move around the environment confidently, making choices in their play. Staff offer consistent praise as they celebrate children's achievements, which builds their self-esteem. As a result, children feel safe and secure. Staff provide children with nutritious snacks and drinking water is regularly available. Staff are aware of children's dietary needs and any allergies, which promotes children's well-being effectively. Children have good opportunities to play outdoors, which means they enjoy the health benefits of playing in the fresh air while strengthening their physical skills. Staff supervise children effectively and talk about the importance of safety so children develop an awareness of keeping themselves safe.

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

Management has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. The manager closely monitors staff performance through regular supervision and staff meetings. This ensures that they effectively evaluate their practice and identify improvements that continue to benefit the children. Staff benefit from a thorough induction process and in-house training to develop their skills and knowledge. As a result, staff have a secure understanding to safeguard children. Strong recruitment and vetting procedures ensure that adults looking after children are suitable to do so. The manager prioritises children's safety and well-being effectively. Staff carry out daily safety checks of the premises to minimise hazards to children. Parents are happy with the service the playscheme provides, and say their children are happy and enjoy their time there.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	127790
<b>Local authority</b>	Kent
<b>Inspection number</b>	836257
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	4 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	36
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	14
<b>Name of provider</b>	Yalding Parish Council
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	10 August 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	07970 981794

Yalding Playscheme registered in 1993 and is run by Yalding Parish Council at Yalding Church of England Primary School. It is open for three weeks during the summer holiday period from 11am to 3pm. There are seven members of staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at levels 2 and 3, and one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 6.

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