

West Looe Playgroup

The Old School Canteen, Downs Road, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 2AR



Inspection date

4 December 2015

Previous inspection date

23 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children thrive in the exceptionally welcoming and fantastic learning environment. Staff have exemplary teaching skills and successfully inspire all areas of children's learning and development.
- Staff provide innovative activities to inspire and fascinate children. Their excellent planning and organisation of resources present brilliant play opportunities for children.
- Staff work extremely well together and thoroughly enjoy their work with the children. They have exemplary knowledge of the early years requirements. Precise monitoring systems show that children make excellent progress from their starting point.
- Partnerships with parents, others agencies and providers are extremely strong. Continuity of care and support to children's individual needs is exemplary and supports children's learning very well. Parents provide excellent feedback on the outstanding quality of care. This high-level care helps children to feel very secure and they behave extremely well.
- Self-evaluation by the committee and staff is rigorous. Staff successfully strive to achieve further improvement in their provision. Their enthusiastic drive for continuous development provides excellent benefits to children and their families.
- Management of staff training and performance is extremely effective. Staff reflect on their learning closely and share their knowledge with one another, to extend and share their expertise.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the opportunities to promote children's independence skills in their activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children in their indoor and outdoor play activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and parents.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a sample of children's development records.
- The inspector checked required records and documentation and read the self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Julie Wright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Staff take prompt and successful action when their rigorous evaluation identifies an aspect to improve. For example, they undertook specific training on children's mathematical development, which increased their already confident knowledge in how to close any gaps in children's learning. Different approaches have strengthened children's personal, social and emotional development. For instance, children are exceptionally secure because they fully understand the routines and order of the day. Additional resources and activities promote children's communication and language development to high levels. Safeguarding is effective. Staff are highly conscientious in their supervision of children. They have thorough knowledge of the child protection procedures, to safeguard children's welfare.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff make excellent use of pictures and other resources all around the setting to inspire children's communication and language development. Children make independent choices in play and staff expertly provide support. Staff continuously act as good examples for children and positively encourage them to 'have a go and try again'. They have an extremely good awareness of children's next steps of learning and of their abilities. Staff take most opportunities to promote children's individual and independence skills, although they do not always extend this in different ways to develop their skills even further. Older children sit and listen extremely well at registration and story times. They play with great imagination and love dressing up to act out different roles. Staff successfully promote parents' involvement in their children's learning and assessment of progress.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are highly cooperative and eager to join in. They are very polite and have exemplary behaviour. Staff promote highly positive attitudes and an excellent awareness of the wider world with children. There is great excitement as children talk with staff about community events. Children benefit enormously from taking part in outdoor play, and they explore with fascination. They discover intriguing resources that successfully reinforce their learning. For example, they enjoyed finding toy owls on branches that reminded them of a favourite story. From the earliest age, children show total fascination in their messy play activities, which sustain their keen interest. Children have fantastic fun in their physical play, such as using their parachute to play different active games.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are highly confident, very busy and love learning. They develop excellent foundation skills in language, number and physical learning. This ensures they are very well prepared for their next school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	102890
Local authority	Cornwall
Inspection number	824714
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	31
Name of provider	West Looe Playgroup Committee
Date of previous inspection	23 March 2011
Telephone number	01503 265623

West Looe Playgroup opened in 1971 and is managed by a voluntary committee. It is located in the old school canteen in West Looe, Cornwall. The playgroup operates from 9am until 12 noon on Monday, Thursday and Friday, and from 9am until 3.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, during term time only. There are seven members of staff employed to work with the children. Of these, six hold relevant early years qualifications. One member of staff has a qualification at level 4. The playgroup receives early years funding to provide free places for children aged two, three and four years.

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