Kinson Playgroup

Heathlands Primary School, Andrews Close, Bournemouth, BH11 8HB



Inspection date	10 May 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assess	sment	Inadequate	4
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Inadequate	4

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The provider does not always ensure that parents are informed of accidents that are sustained by their child in the setting. This compromises children's welfare.
- Staff are not consistent in how they manage children's behaviour, so children do not learn what is expected of them. Staff do not provide activities that engage the children adequately. This leads to a chaotic environment, which hinders children's learning.
- The provider does not reflect on and address weaknesses in teaching rigorously enough. Arrangements for monitoring and supporting staff performance are weak. The quality of teaching is inconsistent and does not meet children's learning needs.
- Observations and assessments of children's learning are not accurate. Staff do not have a clear picture of what all children can do or what they need to learn next. Staff do not plan activities to help children make adequate progress.
- The quality of staff interaction is inconsistent. Staff do not provide sufficient challenge or extend children's learning experiences to help them move on in their development.

It has the following strengths

- Staff provide a welcoming environment with resources that are readily available to encourage children to make choices about their play.
- Children settle into the group happily and get on well with other children and adults.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

	Due Date
ensure parents and/or carers are informed of any accident or injury sustained by their child	19/05/2016
increase staff's understanding of how to manage children's behaviour in an appropriate and consistent way, to help all children learn boundaries and expectations	21/06/2016
review and monitor staff practice effectively, and provide them with support and training to make sure they understand their role and responsibilities	07/06/2016
make effective use of observation, assessment and planning to support children to achieve the next steps in their learning and development	21/06/2016
raise the quality of teaching to a consistently good level to meet the individual needs, interests and stages of development of all children.	21/06/2016

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

 develop consistent and thorough systems to review and evaluate all aspects of practice, to identify and target areas for improvement effectively.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the playroom and the outside learning environment.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including a sample of children's records and records to check staff suitability.
- The inspector spoke to a committee member, the manager and staff, and completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector gained the views of the parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and of the systems used by the provider to evaluate the provision.
- The inspection was carried out following the risk assessment process.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is ineffective. Staff do not always inform parents, in a timely manner, when their children sustain an accident. This compromises children's welfare. Suitable recruitment and vetting procedures ensure staff's suitability. Staff are deployed suitably to maintain sufficient levels of supervision. The manager and deputy lead the sessions and hold relevant qualifications. Staff know the procedures to follow if they have any safeguarding concerns. However, there are weaknesses in staff practice, which have a negative impact on children's care and learning. The manager does not effectively monitor the quality of practice, staff interaction, or how well children make progress. Arrangements to improve staff's teaching practice are not successful.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

Staff do not make regular and robust observations and assessments of children's learning. Planned activities do not build precisely on what children know or need to learn next, which limits the progress they make. Overall, staff take an interest in children's play, but they do not extend children's learning or offer children a good level of challenge. For example, as children enjoy playing and exploring outside, staff supervise them, but do not interact positively to support children's learning. Staff organise activities, such as making dough, but then walk away and leave children to finish the activity on their own. Children enjoy joining in songs and rhymes. Staff make use of puppets and objects, for example, to engage younger children appropriately.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Some staff do not have a sufficient understanding of how to promote positive behaviour and do not provide children with clear and consistent messages. For example, after lunch, some children run around indoors as staff do not engage them in activities. This disrupts other children who copy them, and creates a disorderly environment as staff ignore them. Children separate from parents and carers well at the beginning of the session. Staff are on hand to offer appropriate support and reassurance to new and less-confident children. When children first start, staff gather information from parents, to help settle children. Parents are encouraged to get involved with the committee and help out in sessions.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Children do not learn important skills, such as mathematics and new language, as they play because staff do not engage with them well. Children lose interest in some activities and are not motivated to learn. Children do not gain all the skills needed for school.

Setting details

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Local authority Bournemouth

Inspection number 1050435

Type of provision Sessional provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 40

Number of children on roll 54

Name of provider

Kinson Playgroup Committee

Telephone numberNot applicable
01202 380699

Kinson Playgroup registered in 1976 and moved to the current premises in 2015. It is located in Bournemouth, Dorset. The playgroup is open during term time only from 8.30am to 4pm. The playgroup receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. The playgroup employs eight members of staff; of whom, six hold relevant early years qualifications at level 3.

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