

Marsden Park Forest School

Marsden Hall, Walton Lane, NELSON, Lancashire, BB9 8BW



Inspection date	31 January 2017
Previous inspection date	10 June 2013

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

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The provider, manager and staff demonstrate a strong commitment to the Forest School ethos. They offer a range of opportunities for children to develop confidence and self-esteem through extended learning experiences in a local woodland environment.
- The manager and staff have a robust understanding of how to promote children's safety and welfare. They carry out regular daily risk assessments of the premises and know what to do should they be worried a child is being abused.
- Through written examples the manager demonstrates how she will carry out observations and assessments of children's development. She has a very good understanding of how to use this information to plan for children's future learning. The manager also understands how to check the progress that children make towards the early learning goals.
- The manager uses evidence of the very good links with the linked provider, schools, parents and other professionals to demonstrate her understanding of how they will work in partnership to promote continuity of children's care and learning.
- The staff hold valid qualifications in paediatric first aid with particular focus on the outdoor environment, enabling them to correctly manage any accidents children may have. All required documentation is maintained, including records and policies.
- The manager and provider have a good understanding of how to improve the provision through reflecting on practice. They have addressed the recommendation raised at last inspection. An action plan is in place and monitored regularly to ensure the provision continues to develop.
- The Forest school provides an inclusive environment for children of all ages and abilities. Due to the nature of the provision the Forest School does not have children on roll, providing educational visits for local schools and nurseries.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises the Forest School will use when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed with the manager how she intends to support children's play and learning.
- The inspector looked at policies and procedures and a range of other documents that will be used when caring for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff and spoke with the manager about the self-evaluation and plans for improvement.
- The inspector discussed with the manager how she implements statutory and government requirements.

Inspector

Linda Shore

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY457172
Local authority	Lancashire
Inspection number	1066551
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	3 - 17
Total number of places	56
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	The Rocking Horse Club - Pendle Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901826
Date of previous inspection	10 June 2013
Telephone number	01282 613 437

Marsden Park Forest School was registered in 2012. The school employs 2 members of childcare staff. Of these, both hold appropriate Forest School qualifications at level 3 and the manager also has an early years qualification at level 5. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday term time only. Sessions are from 8am until 4.30pm.

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