

Cullercoats Methodist Church Playgroup

Cullercoats Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats, NE30 3LJ



Inspection date

27 April 2017

Previous inspection date

24 May 2016

	This inspection:	Good	2
The quality and standards of the early years provision	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager has made significant improvements since the last inspection. Staff now accurately observe, assess and plan interesting activities. This means that children are engaged and making good progress.
- Children happily enter the playgroup, settle quickly and enjoy their play. Staff create a warm, friendly and safe environment. They support children well and make parents feel welcome. An effective key-person system is established.
- Children behave well. Staff are good role models and positively help promote children's behaviour through the encouragement and praise they provide.
- Staff develop good partnerships with parents and other settings that children attend. This helps to support children's learning. Together, they help all children make the best possible progress and be well prepared for school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff attend mandatory training, such as first aid and safeguarding, the manager has not fully considered how to build on staff's knowledge and practice even further to help improve outcomes for children to an outstanding level.
- The manager has not yet fully developed an effective system to monitor the progress that different groups of children are making.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities to develop staff's knowledge and practice even further and continually improve outcomes for children to the highest level
- build on arrangements for checking and comparing the progress made by individual children to ensure that groups of children receive the support they need to increase the potential for them to achieve at the highest possible levels.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises and observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the playgroup manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the playgroup manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the playgroup.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lynne Pope

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff demonstrate a commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of children in their care. They are vigilant and look out for signs and indicators of harm and know how to report any concerns. The manager monitors the ongoing suitability of staff. She observes the quality of teaching and has regular meetings with staff to identify aspects of their practice to develop further. The manager has a strong commitment to making improvements. She involves staff well to meet regularly to discuss their key children and what they need to learn next. Parents' and children's views are sought and practice adapted based on their suggestions for improvement.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The qualified staff plan interesting activities around the children's interests and their stages of development. They help them to develop their mathematical understanding successfully. For instance, older children learn to count in sequence and understand different sizes, such as when they build with blocks. Staff follow children's lead in their play. They model the use of language with younger children using repetition and questioning skills to extend their use of language. Children have many opportunities to develop their literacy skills. They enjoy listening to stories and have their favourites that they want to hear again. Older children start to draw recognisable pictures and make circular shapes in preparation for writing.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children form close emotional bonds with the caring staff. This helps children to settle in quickly and to continue to develop their independence and confidence. They show that they feel safe and secure. They ask staff to help them and proudly show what they can do. They have wonderful opportunities to understand how to be healthy. For example, they participate in a range of activities that helps them to develop positive attitudes towards healthy foods, such as growing vegetables outside. Children enjoy being physically active indoors and outdoors. Staff remain close to children, offering support when needed. For example, children practise their physical skills as they jump off equipment.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make good progress. They are happy, confident and enjoy their time at the playgroup. Staff offer children many experiences that help them to understand the world around them and to develop skills essential for their future. For example, children observe different transport on the road and visit the local shops. In preparation for future learning and school children learn to recognise their written name and how to dress themselves.

Setting details

Unique reference number	310232
Local authority	North Tyneside
Inspection number	1096060
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 3
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Cullercoats Methodist Church Playgroup Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP911657
Date of previous inspection	24 May 2016
Telephone number	0191 251 5801

Cullercoats Methodist Church Playgroup was registered in 1999. The playgroup employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The playgroup opens Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 9.15am until 11.45am. The playgroup provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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