Magic Roundabout Pre School



Victoria Park Church Halls, Victoria Park, Edghill Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH9

Inspection date	17 May 2017
Previous inspection date	27 January 2015

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

- Staff provide a good variety of motivating play activities and involve children in the planning process. For example, children choose activities they like, such as den building, marble painting or water play, and add these to the daily plans.
- Staff form friendly relationships with parents and other providers involved in children's care and learning. They regularly share information about children's activities and progress with them to maintain a consistent approach in the support they provide.
- Children are content and settled in this friendly pre-school. They play happily with their friends and respond positively to staff, gaining a good sense of emotional well-being.
- The management team continually assesses staff practice and development. For example, staff have recently completed training relating to children's specific educational needs and this has helped them improve their understanding of identifying possible delays in children's development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The management team does not monitor the achievements of different groups of children as well as possible to help them to consistently identify any gaps in children's learning and support their progress even further.
- At times, noise levels are high and staff do not organise some parts of the session effectively to consistently support children's concentration and reduce waiting times for some routine activities, such as snack time.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the systems for monitoring children's achievements and use information gained from this to identify how different groups of children learn and progress best to close gaps in their learning more effectively
- improve the organisation of some parts of the session to support all children's concentration fully and reduce noise levels and waiting times.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's interactions in the main play areas and large hall.
- The inspector viewed documentation, such as operational policies, procedures and required records for suitability.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager and discussed children's learning.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken with at the visit.
- The inspector discussed evaluation with the manager.

Inspector

Mary Daniel

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff have a suitable awareness of child protection issues and understand their responsibility to protect children's overall well-being. The management team follows clear recruitment and employment procedures to assess staff suitability. For example, new staff shadow an experienced member of staff as part of their induction. The management team and staff continue to evaluate their practice and make improvements to support good outcomes for children. For instance, they have introduced a blackout den to help children develop their sensory awareness using resources such as torches and light-up toys. In addition, staff have improved the registration group time to support children's listening and attention more effectively.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff encourage children's understanding of the world and their communication skills very well. For instance, children are confident to express their ideas. They tell staff that they need the grey cloud and an umbrella sticker for the weather chart that day because it is raining. They push toy sea creatures through bubbly water and can name a pufferfish, a lobster and a stingray. Staff support children's interest in number, shape and size well. Older children are starting to match number to quantity and can name shapes, such as hexagons and rectangles confidently. Younger children enjoy counting rhymes and songs.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff encourage children's overall physical strength well. Children develop positive attitudes to staying fit and healthy. They develop good control and coordination. For example, older children enjoy the challenge of an obstacle course and walk carefully across the balancing beam and climb up and over the ladder frame. Children excitedly help to move the colourful parachute in a range of ways. Staff support children's awareness of keeping safe effectively. Children enjoy a visit from ambulance staff. They learn how to switch on the blue lights and siren and put bandages on. Staff work closely with parents to consistently support children's specific educational and medical needs.

Outcomes for children are good

Children behave well and learn to be kind and helpful. For instance, younger children help each other to carry a big basket of toys at tidy-up time. Older children offer to hold a bucket for their younger friends to throw beanbags into as they join in with an obstacle course. Children develop good independence skills. For example, they use spoons carefully to serve themselves to pieces of orange, banana or raisins for their snack. They help to wipe the tables and wash up their cups and plates. Children show pride in their achievements, for instance, as they start to form recognisable letters of their name. Children make good progress and are well prepared for their move to school.

Setting details

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Local authority Bournemouth

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Type of provision Sessional provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 2 - 4

Total number of places 28

Number of children on roll 45

Name of registered person Margaret Susan Aldred

Registered person unique

reference number

RP513081

Date of previous inspection 27 January 2015

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Magic Roundabout Pre School registered in 2006. The privately owned pre-school is situated in Winton, Bournemouth and is open Monday to Friday, from 9am until 2pm, during school terms only. The pre-school receives funding to provide free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. There are eight staff employed. Of these, five hold childcare qualifications at level 3 and three hold qualifications at level 2.

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