

Wilkes Green Playgroup

Antrobus Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, West Midlands, B21 9NT



Inspection date

22 May 2017

Previous inspection date

10 June 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- The leadership and management team is highly effective and is passionate about the playgroup. They and the staff team demonstrate an excellent commitment to their role and high expectations for the playgroup and the children who attend.
- Staff are friendly and welcoming. The key-person system allows staff to get to know children and their families from the start. A vast amount of information about children's needs, health, well-being and what they are able to do is obtained on entry. Children form exceptionally positive relationships with staff. They settle extremely quickly and are relaxed and content.
- The cultural diversity of the children is respected and immensely valued. The manager and staff team seek out wonderful resources to support the learning of children who speak English as an additional language. Staff make use of visual signs, books, posters and the contribution of musicians and parents to help all children to hear, learn and respect other languages and cultures.
- Partnerships with parents and the host school are excellent and play an extremely strong part in successfully meeting children's individual needs. Staff plan numerous events that involve parents in their children's learning. Parents are highly complimentary about the high level of care and attention children receive.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to enhance the evaluation of the provision, in order to maintain the exceptionally high standards.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff and children during play activities.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff and trustees.
- The inspector talked with the children, the manager and staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of parents' views.
- The inspector toured the premises and viewed the areas used by children.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, risk assessments and children's records.

Inspector

Jennifer Turner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have an excellent knowledge of the procedures they should follow if they are concerned about a child. Staff regularly attend training courses that promote their expert skills and knowledge to the fullest potential. The manager holds regular meetings with staff to continually review their superb practice and highlight any further training needs. The expert knowledge gained from training is used to ensure children make excellent progress. The trustees have an impressive understanding of their responsibilities and are highly supportive of the staff team. The manager recognises the importance of continuing to evaluate the playgroup in order to maintain high standards.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff make the most of excellent teaching opportunities each day. For example, small key-group sessions are used to build children's confidence and speaking skills. Children make excellent progress in communication and language development as staff are highly skilled at using a range of strategies to ensure children make exceptional progress. Children learn about the sounds letters represent and relish the exciting activities that develop their literacy and writing skills. Children have exceptional opportunities to learn about the living world. They look carefully at worms and plants and use their excellent skills to draw superb pictures. Children greatly enjoy using their imaginations. They pretend they are in a flower shop and use different media and materials to make creative models of flowers.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's behaviour is exemplary. They share, take turns and work together to achieve a common goal, for example, when building towers with bricks they learn about opposites. Staff teach children about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Children enjoy nutritious snacks and a variety of fruit. They visit local shops to buy fruits to make a fresh fruit salad. Children are extremely physically active and thoroughly enjoy exploring the exceptionally well-equipped outdoor area. They benefit from exciting opportunities for exercise, such as dancing and moving to rap music, and enthusiastically engage in yoga activities.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are developing the essential skills they need to move seamlessly on to school. They share the outdoor playground and join in school achievement celebrations. Children make rapid progress in their learning from their starting points. They are enthusiastic and highly motivated learners who are keen to explore and try new activities. Children are able to write their names and are developing excellent early reading and writing skills. Children listen and focus their attention for long periods of time. They readily participate in group sessions where they share stories, sing songs and play word matching games.

Setting details

Unique reference number	229021
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	1090251
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	Wilkes Green Playgroup Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP523006
Date of previous inspection	10 June 2015
Telephone number	0121 523 6238

Wilkes Green Playgroup registered in 1984. The playgroup employs eight members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications from level 2 to level 6. The playgroup opens Monday to Friday, during term time only. Sessions are from 8.30am until 11.30am and 12.15pm until 3.15pm. The playgroup provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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