Panda Pre-School



Christ Church Community Rooms, Block Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7QB

Inspection date Previous inspection date		ay 2017 ay 2015	
The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection	n: 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 highly skilled and experienced manager is truly inspirational. She leads her wellqualified staff team with superb efficiency and admirable enthusiasm. The extreme hard work, commitment and dedication of staff has been instrumental in helping to raise the quality of practice to an outstanding level.
- Staff accurately observe and assess children's play, in order to plan sharply focused activities for the next steps in their learning. Each child's individual interests are taken into account and these are central to the planning process.
- Children thrive and have a wonderful time in the extremely safe, secure, stimulating and well-resourced environment. They are highly motivated, curious and imaginative learners who develop an excellent range of skills, abilities and attitudes that prepares them extremely well in readiness for school. Children make rapid progress.
- Children benefit from a calm, nurturing, relaxed atmosphere and the sensitive interaction of caring and attentive key persons. Staff ensure that children's needs are consistently met to help them to feel comfortable and content. This helps to promote children's physical and emotional well-being exceptionally well.
- Partnerships with parents, other early years providers and external professionals are exceptionally strong. This helps to promote high levels of consistency and continuity of care and learning for all children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

continue to build on the highly effective targeted programme of professional development to maintain the excellent practice of the highly skilled staff team.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector talked to staff and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation of a planned adult-led activity with the preschool manager.
- The inspector spoke to the manager at appropriate times throughout the inspection. She looked at relevant documentation, such as children's learning records, risk assessments and evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working in the pre-school.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Julie Kelly

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff create a culture of vigilance where children's safety and welfare are promoted to the highest level. They have an excellent understanding of the reporting requirements should they have concerns about the welfare of children. The manager observes staff's practice and carries out highly effective supervision meetings and appraisals to monitor their performance. The training staff attend is carefully targeted to meet their individual needs and ensure it has a positive impact on learning outcomes for children. The manager recognises the importance of continuous professional development to continue to enhance staff's knowledge, skills and practice even further. She closely checks the progress made by all children. This helps her to identify gaps in children's learning and ensure that each child achieves their full potential.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff provide children with resources and materials that they can use in different ways to help them to enhance their imaginative skills. For example, children wrap scarves and fabric around their heads to create turbans. They listen to their favourite bhangra music and move their bodies rhythmically to express their feelings. Children use elephants of different sizes and colours to make patterns, compare sizes, sort, count and match. They use mathematical language, such as big, small, long and short, as they play. Staff teach children to recognise and write their names and develop an understanding of phonics. These activities have a highly positive impact on children's literacy and mathematical skills, which helps to prepare them extremely well for school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children are very happy and well settled in the pre-school. They demonstrate high levels of independence as they manage their own personal care needs in readiness for school. Staff make excellent use of the outdoor area and encourage all children to participate in active, enjoyable exercise. This has a positive impact on children's health and well-being. Staff are exceptional role models and play alongside children to teach them to understand how to share and take turns. This helps children to develop strong friendships and a secure understanding of acceptable behaviour.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children consistently make high rates of progress. This includes children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, those who speak English as an additional language and funded children. Several children achieve beyond expected levels of development for their age. They increasingly show high levels of self-control during activities and confidence in social situations. Children are developing an excellent understanding of how to manage risks and challenges relative to their age.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY339662	
Local authority	Oldham	
Inspection number	1092823	
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	41	
Number of children on roll	27	
Name of registered person	Werneth and Freehold Community Development Project	
Registered person unique reference number	RP904123	
Date of previous inspection	21 May 2015	
Telephone number	07928149269	

Panda Pre-School registered in 2006. The pre-school employs seven members of staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 4 and six at level 3. The pre-school operates from Monday to Friday, term time only. Opening times are from 8.45am until 11.45am. It provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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