Flying Start Nursery



Pinewood Hall, The Pinewood Centre, Old Wokingham Road, Wokingham, RG40 3AQ

Inspection date Previous inspection date		une 2017 applicable	
The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	: Good	2
	Previous inspection	on: Not applicable	
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

- Managers monitor children's development well. This gives them a clear picture of how well all groups of children are progressing.
- Regular staff supervision and coaching allows managers to provide staff with regular feedback on their performance and guide them in ways in which they can improve.
- Staff are warm and caring. All children form good relationships with those who care for them. Children are confident and motivated and show high levels of emotional wellbeing.
- Staff make good use of information about children's progress and development to provide activities which challenge children and help them to make good progress and achieve well.
- All children, including those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and those learning English as an additional language, make good progress from their starting points.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not consistently help children to have an understanding of how to keep themselves safe during some outdoor activities.
- Staff ask children interesting questions. However, sometimes they do not allow children time to think and respond before giving them the answers.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- help children to have a better understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the garden
- allow children time to think through and respond to questions asked.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to a number of parents and took their views into consideration.
- The inspector spoke to staff at appropriate times during the day and asked questions regarding safeguarding, training and supervision.
- The inspector observed staff interactions with children during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with one of the managers.
- The inspector held a meeting with the managers to discuss staff recruitment and policies.

Inspector

Ingrid Howell

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The management team ensures all staff have relevant training and an up-to-date knowledge of child protection procedures. Staff demonstrate a good understanding of what to do if they are concerned about the well-being of a child. Use of a quality assurance programme, alongside feedback from staff and parents, has enabled managers to develop an accurate understanding of the quality of the nursery. They use this information to develop the practice further. For example, following feedback from parents, the setting has added information to its website to support parents in extending children's learning at home. Nursery staff work effectively with other settings children attend. They share information about children's ongoing development. This helps to ensure consistent care and learning for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are kind, cooperative and considerate to one another. For example, when they play a game involving stacking sand timers, they work together to build a tower. When one child knocks it down, they negotiate how to rebuild it, and explain to others in the group why they must not knock it down again. Staff work well together as an effective and enthusiastic team. They share ideas and show a desire to provide children with high-quality provision. Partnerships with parents are effective. Parents report that they are kept well informed of their children's progress, and feel very well supported by the nursery team. Regular newsletters provide parents with information on what the children are learning at the nursery, such as the letter and number of the week. This enables parents to help extend learning even further. Children show high levels of perseverance during activities. For example, when faced with the challenge of how to get pompoms out of a plastic bottle they use several methods, such as banging and shaking, before deciding to use plastic tweezers.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's behaviour is good and staff act as positive role models for children. Their calm approach helps children to feel highly valued. Children show great confidence as they explore the stimulating environment happily and with self-assurance. New children and parents are very well supported by staff to ensure a successful settling-in period that is tailored to the needs of each child and family. Staff encourage children to learn about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Children enjoy plenty of outdoor play and fresh air and follow good hygiene practices, such as washing their hands at appropriate times.

Outcomes for children are good

Children demonstrate high levels of confidence. They are motivated and have fun as they learn. They cooperate very well with others during play and develop the skills needed for moving to school. For example, they learn to be independent and put on their own shoes. By the time they go to school, most children can recognise and write their names and can identify letters and the sounds that they represent.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY487948
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	1015032
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	32
Number of children on roll	71
Name of registered person	Flying Start Nursery Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP910471
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01344 752922

Flying Start Nursery registered in 2015. It operates in Wokingham, Berkshire. The provision opens from 9am to 3.15pm on Monday to Thursday and from 9am to midday on Friday, term time only. There are 12 staff who are employed to work with children. Three hold qualified teacher status, three hold qualifications at level 6 and five hold relevant childcare qualifications at level 3. The provider is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

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