

Whickham Playzone Ltd

Childcare Building, Laburnum Grove, Whickham, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE16 4AE



Inspection date

12 July 2017

Previous inspection date

13 January 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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The extremely dedicated manager and her experienced staff team have worked exceptionally hard since the previous inspection. They have recently changed premises and have created an excellent environment for children to explore. Children have an array of vastly stimulating resources to choose from.
- The highly organised manager uses meticulous and detailed self-evaluation procedures. She superbly captures the views of staff, children and parents, and uses this information to precisely identify any gaps in practice.
- Children demonstrate superb levels of confidence and very high levels of self-esteem. They confidently greet visitors and take enormous pride in showcasing their work. Children feel valued. They regularly share their ideas and opinions and make choices regarding changes in the club.
- Children are provided with nutritious foods. They participate in highly exciting activities to develop an awareness of the importance of healthy eating. For example, children take part in a voting day. They complete ballot slips and campaign for their favourite foods.
- Children are extremely familiar with the routine of the club. They are independent and complete self-chosen tasks. For instance, older children monitor information technology areas and record how long children are able to use the computers.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the implementation of the planned changes to enhance the outdoor area and evaluate the impact on children's play experiences

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children.
- The inspector held a meeting with the provider of the club. She discussed self-evaluation and looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector completed a tour of the premises.
- The inspector spoke to children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took their views into account.

Inspector

Emma Allison

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The manager has embedded meticulous safeguarding practices within her setting. She completes very precise and extremely detailed safeguarding monitoring systems. In addition, the manager reviews staff's knowledge of safeguarding practices. This helps her to swiftly identify any specific training needs. The manager has embedded robust policies and procedures and shares these with parents and visitors. She completes very regular supervision sessions with staff. The manager uses her expert knowledge and practice gained through her qualification to share practice ideas with staff. Staff provide exceptionally high supervision when children use computers. Children are encouraged to be aware of internet safety rules. Parents are enormously complimentary of the staff at the club. They state that the manager and her team are extremely approachable and provide an exceptional service to meet their family's needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children create their own exciting and adventurous games and play extremely well with one another. They are highly engaged in their chosen play and talk to adults with great excitement about what they are doing. Children immerse themselves deeply in imaginary play. For example, they provide a running commentary as they take on roles of their favourite superheroes. Children work exceedingly well in small groups. They use various mark-making materials while in the outdoor area. Children draw areas and boundaries for each other to use bikes and scooters and remind one another about the rules of the club.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children behave exceptionally well. They demonstrate high levels of respect for one another and have formed very strong bonds with staff. Children are provided with excellent opportunities to develop their physical skills. They become engrossed in chosen ball games and are provided with opportunities to build dens in the small wooded area. The manager and her staff team plan to further enhance the already excellent outdoor facilities. They intend to work with children on creating an area where they can grow their own healthy foods. Staff have recently implemented highly detailed risk assessments following training on manual handling. They expertly encourage children to develop their understanding of how to keep themselves safe. For instance, staff involve children in all aspects of planning exciting outings, including trips to the beach. Staff encourage children to think of ways that they need to stay safe in the sun. In addition, children complete their own risk assessments. They identify and record hazards they identify in the environment and discuss different ways to minimise these.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY349454
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	1093011
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 12
Total number of places	45
Number of children on roll	13
Name of registered person	Whickham Playzone Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP900966
Date of previous inspection	13 January 2015
Telephone number	0191 440 1194 or 07981 820837

Whickham PlayZone Ltd registered in 2005. The setting employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and above, including one at level 6. The setting operates from Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.30am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm. During school holidays the setting is open from 8am until 6pm.

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