The Children of One End Street



1 Gloucester Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 1QG

Inspection date	12 September 2017
Previous inspection date	17 May 2017

The quality and standards of the early years provision	ne This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
Effectiveness of the leadership and	management	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and as	ssessment	Good	2
Personal development, behaviour a	and welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The manager has made significant changes since the last inspection to make sure she keeps children safe and provides high-quality learning experiences for them. Children are motivated and make good progress in their development.
- Staff have good relationships with parents. They talk with them daily to share what children have achieved. Parents also contribute to planning celebrations with children and staff. Children benefit from consistent experiences at home and in the setting.
- Staff know children well from the start. Staff use children's interests and needs to provide appropriate experiences to help them learn and develop. They monitor children's progress well and plan effective next steps to support children's learning further.
- Staff provide interesting environments for children and have high expectations that they will help care for them. Children are confident in choosing what to play with and work together to tidy and clean up when they have finished. Children's behaviour is good.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not consistently support children to maintain concentration and join in with group activities.
- On occasion, staff do not help children to understand the importance of personal hygiene to stop them getting ill or passing on germs.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the support provided to children to help them remain focused and join in with group times to enrich their learning and development further
- improve messages about personal hygiene routines to help children understand the importance of preventing cross-infection or cross-contamination.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager to discuss the improvements since the last inspection.
- The inspector talked with the manager, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled paperwork, including the Secretary of State's agreed modifications to the early learning goals, the staff personnel records and training, the attendance register for children, policies and procedures, and children's records.

Inspector

Anita McKelvey

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager is keen to continue developing the quality of the kindergarten. She uses feedback and support from staff, parents and children to improve the play spaces. For example, staff and children have planted fruit trees donated by parents to enhance the outdoor space and provide opportunities to explore nature further. The manager monitors staff well and helps them develop their skills and knowledge. For example, she encourages them to gain new qualifications and keeps them updated about changes in county procedures for protecting vulnerable children. Safeguarding is effective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff communicate well with children and help them express ideas and thoughts. For example, they discuss colours and patterns on friendship bracelets children create and help them work out how to fix them onto each other's wrists. Children readily use mathematics in their play, such as when they count the plates and bowls to make sure there are enough for everyone. Children enjoy stories and excitedly add details to favourite tales. For example, in a tale about a little red hen making bread, the children add a puppy, cow and mouse to the animals who do not want to help out and remind the staff of the correct order to say them.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are good role models for the children. They help children cooperate with others, including through praising them for being kind and thanking them for sharing toys and ideas with others. Children willingly share routine tasks. For example, some set the table for snack time, while others take the plates with food round and they all help to wash the dishes afterwards. Children develop physical skills and learn about traditional crafts. For instance, they help to prepare sheep fleeces to spin into wool for knitting and sew materials together with needle and thread. Staff prepare children well for moving on to school, including through visiting schools and having teachers come to the kindergarten.

Outcomes for children are good

Children love coming to the kindergarten and are kind and considerate to others. For example, they enthusiastically greet friends with hugs and help new children find their pegs to hang up coats and bags. Children work together to prepare fruit and cookies for snacks. They competently use knives to cut the apples into chunks and comment on the different sized cookies they make using star-shaped cutters. They use their imagination well as they construct bridges and ramps for boats to go into a 'sea' made of blue material. Outdoors, children pretend to make 'frothy hot chocolate' from mud mixed with soap bubbles and share this with others to keep them warm, while other children help sweep the leaves onto the compost pile so they can ride the tricycles round safely.

Setting details

Unique reference number EY400757

Local authority Gloucestershire

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register

Age range of children 3 - 6

Total number of places 12

Number of children on roll 19

Name of registered person Marie Louise Waring

Registered person unique

reference number

RP907905

Date of previous inspection 17 May 2017

Telephone number 07970829890

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