

Star of the Sea O.S.C. Limited



Star of the Sea RC Primary School, Arcot Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9DY

Inspection date	25 September 2017
Previous inspection date	12 August 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff successfully foster children's communication and language skills. They involve them in group discussions, model language and ask effective questions.
- Children gain a very good understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe. For example, staff support them to carry out their own risk assessments to identify potential hazards and minimise harm during activities.
- Staff actively encourage children to make their own choices and decisions. Children of all ages play well together and share and take turns with their peers.
- Children establish good relationships and secure bonds with staff. They are clearly confident and relaxed in their surroundings. This makes a strong contribution to children's well-being.
- Staff have developed close links with teachers from the host primary school. They share details about children to create consistency and continuity of care.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The management team has not yet fully developed effective systems to enable staff to have more opportunities to reflect on and share good practice.
- The current programme for professional development is not focused precisely on strengthening the high quality of staff interactions even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen performance management systems so staff have more opportunities to reflect on and share good practice
- extend the programme of professional development to help raise the quality of staff interactions to an even higher level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed play opportunities for children and spoke to staff members in the setting.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector carried out an interview with the management team and looked at and discussed a range of policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with children and discussed the provider's self-evaluation.
- The inspector took account of the views of children, parents and carers spoken to on the day of inspection.

Inspector

Rachel Enright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff are fully aware of how to report any child protection issues or concerns. The management team has a secure knowledge of their responsibilities as lead practitioners for safeguarding. Staff are deployed efficiently within the setting to ensure children are well supervised at all times. There are good arrangements for recruitment, induction and vetting procedures. These enable new staff members to understand the expectations of their role. The management team successfully uses self-evaluation systems and strives for continuous improvement. Parents and children are regularly asked for their views and opinions to support this process. The management team acts on these accordingly to enhance the quality of the provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan a wide range of interesting and exciting activities to support children's future learning. Children comfortably lead their play and freely access their own resources and equipment throughout the session. Staff effectively support children to learn about different cultures and traditions as they explore festivals from around the world. Children develop good technology skills. They easily use the tablet computers and operate the touchscreen to play a variety of age-appropriate games. Children thoroughly enjoy being creative and express their own ideas and thoughts. For instance, they explore colour during a painting activity and discuss how colours change when they mix together. This helps to promote children's expressive art and design skills. Staff communicate well with parents on a daily basis and provide them with verbal feedback about their children's activities. Good information is gathered from parents on entry to the setting. This enables staff to have a clear overview of children's individual likes, dislikes and interests.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children participate in active play and extend their physical skills in the outdoor area. They participate in trips and outings in school holiday periods to enable them to try new experiences. Staff are fully aware of children's allergies and dietary requirements. They provide children with a good selection of nutritious snacks and encourage them to try new foods. This helps children to acquire their own understanding of healthy lifestyles. Staff support children to talk about their emotions and feelings, which successfully promotes their personal, social and emotional development. Children are independent and take an active role in the running of the setting. Staff effectively manage children's behaviour. Children follow rules and boundaries well and are familiar with the daily routines. Staff provide children with positive reinforcement to help them feel valued and respected.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY276646
Local authority	North Tyneside
Inspection number	1104157
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	54
Number of children on roll	14
Name of registered person	Star of the Sea O.S.C. Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP904797
Date of previous inspection	12 August 2014
Telephone number	07984745620

Star of the Sea O.S.C Limited registered in 2002. The setting employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The setting opens Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 9am and from 3pm until 6pm, during school term time. It is also open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8am until 5.30pm, during school holidays.

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