Woodcroft Pre School and Wrap Around Care



Woodcroft Primary School, 37 Woodcroft Lane, WATERLOOVILLE, Hampshire, PO8 9QD

Inspection date	25 September 2017
Previous inspection date	21 October 2015

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of the leadership and ma	anagement	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asse	ssment	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 responsive child-led approach that the staff implement is extremely effective in supporting all children's needs. The key-carer system promotes children's emotional well-being exceptionally well.
- Management and staff have a clear vision and are proactive in making continuous changes to benefit children's learning and welfare.
- Observation, planning and assessment processes are exceptionally rigorous. Staff know the children remarkably well and plan activities that stem from their immediate interests. They are skilled in knowing how children learn best and challenge and extend their learning.
- Partnerships with parents and a wide range of other professionals are excellent. They are exceptionally well-informed of children's progress, and parents are supported in extending learning at home. For example, parents are given 'treasure bags' to collect Autumn items with their children, to bring into the pre-school to discuss further.
- The exceptionally well-organised learning environment, both inside and outside, encourages high levels of exploration, imagination and choice.
- Children are fully engaged, eager to explore, and they thrive on new challenges.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

further enhance opportunities for children to develop their early reading skills and interest and enjoyment of books.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children learning both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including records of the progress children have made, evidence of suitability of staff working with children and the preschool policies.
- The inspector gathered the views of parents who were dropping off and collecting their children on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Lisa Fountain-Johnston

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. The management team and staff have a very strong understanding of their responsibility to report any concerns about a child. The manager discusses wider safeguarding issues with staff regularly, and is supportive and challenging so that practice is excellent. As a result, there is a strong culture of safeguarding which keeps children safe from harm. Recent improvements mean that extensive recruitment, induction and appraisal procedures are in place to ensure all staff are suitable for their roles. The management team monitor children's progress effectively. They make sure that every child is making progress and that gaps in learning are closing quickly through timely interventions. The manager uses additional funding to provide children with a wide range of exceptionally well-planned experiences, which support children's emotional development. Staff seek out regular opportunities to deepen their skills and knowledge. For example, they work closely with speech therapists to ensure that children learning English as an additional language and those with speech delay are supported very well.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff support children's communication and language skills expertly. For example, they provide clear instruction, both visually and verbally. During play activities older children explore food items, such as broccoli, potatoes and carrots. Staff are developing further opportunities for children to build their early literacy skills. They skilfully ask questions to inspire children to think critically. For example, children are encouraged to think where and how the vegetables grow. The highly stimulating outdoor area gives ample opportunities for children to challenge their physical skills and learn to take risks safely. For example, younger children confidently explore how to maintain their balance when climbing the different surfaces. Older children enjoy climbing and jumping off the apparatus.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The manager and staff are inspiring role models for children. They teach children to show kindness, be polite and respect each other. Children feel very secure, build friendships and confidently learn to negotiate and make their feelings known. Children's behaviour is impeccable. Settling-in arrangements are flexible and individual to children's and parents' needs. For example, 'stay and play sessions' help the children settle very quickly. Parents are extremely complimentary about the pre-school.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children are independent and manage their personal hygiene extremely well. For example, when they have finished eating, they put their rubbish in the bin and wash their hands. Children quickly learn to identify numbers and count, which they use in their play routinely. Younger children enjoy experimenting and exploring as they fill and pour water in the mud kitchen. Children make excellent progress from their initial starting points and are extremely well-prepared for school. Children who have lower than expected starting points make particularly rapid and sustained progress.

Setting details

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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 0 - 8

Total number of places 60

Number of children on roll 92

Name of registered person Woodcroft Pre-School And Wrap Around Care

Registered person unique

reference number

RP526451

Date of previous inspection 21 October 2015 **Telephone number** 02392 595869

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