

Small Wonders Day Care Nursery (Iea Green)

Small Wonders, 15 Chester Lane, St Helens, WA9 4DA



Inspection date

6 June 2018

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	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

- The management team and staff are enthusiastic and demonstrate a dedicated approach to maintaining a good-quality service for children and their families. Children are happy and well settled. Additionally, parents comment that they are very satisfied.
- Staff are excellent role models who treat children with kindness and respect. Children are independent, develop good social skills and behave well, given their ages and stages of development.
- Meals provided for children are extremely healthy, nutritionally balanced and meet their individual dietary requirements.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. Staff effectively use a wide range of strategies to share relevant information and provide many different opportunities for parents to be actively involved in the nursery.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff, at times, do not provide enough opportunities to further develop children's vocabulary and understanding beyond their immediate knowledge and do not allow children to fully explore their own ways of doing things.
- Supervisory sessions do not provide staff with incisive feedback on the quality of their teaching and practice to help them to raise the quality of these to the highest possible standards.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more opportunities for children to be challenged in their immediate thinking and develop their vocabulary and understanding beyond what they already know
- strengthen systems for monitoring staff's individual practice, and provide opportunities for them to receive incisive feedback and ways to share good practice across the team, to raise the quality of teaching to the highest possible levels.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outside and assessed the impact this had on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager and discussed this with her.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and deputy manager. She looked at relevant documents and checked evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Donna Birch

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a thorough understanding of the procedures to follow should they have concerns about a child's welfare. Recruitment and vetting procedures are robust and the nursery is safe and secure. Overall, the manager works effectively with staff to ensure they have opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills. For example, staff have access to an online training portal that allows them to access courses that suit their needs. Systems for observation, assessment and planning are in place and used well by staff. This supports children to make continually good progress. Self-evaluation includes the views of all stakeholders and is used well to highlight any areas of weakness. These are swiftly addressed by the proficient management team. Changes made benefit children and their families the most. Parents are extremely happy with all aspects of the nursery.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children thrive in the bright and stimulating environments indoors and outside. Children's physical development is fostered particularly well. Children confidently negotiate obstacles, ride bicycles and use tools safely as they manipulate malleable dough. Staff help children to develop their literacy skills. For example, children perceptively listen to a favourite story and make meaningful marks, such as letters and shapes with chalks and pencils. Staff teach mathematics well through daily routines and in play. Children demonstrate their understanding as they use their arms to demonstrate concepts such as big and small and use their fingers to add and subtract to find the correct number.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children clearly demonstrate their understanding of expected behaviour. They share, take turns and use good manners. Staff praise all children for their efforts, giving them a real sense of achievement. Children demonstrate high levels of confidence and self-esteem. For example, they confidently talk to new people and have a can-do attitude. Effective systems are in place to support children as they move between rooms in the nursery and on to school when the time comes.

Outcomes for children are good

Children build important skills that help them with their future learning and in readiness for school, such as being independent during hygiene routines and mealtimes. Children are confident and have high levels of self-confidence and self-esteem. Funding is used well to support children to make continued good progress. This includes children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY542306
Local authority	St. Helens
Inspection number	1137255
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	156
Number of children on roll	124
Name of registered person	Small Wonders Day Care Nursery (Peasley Cross) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP902252
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01744 633144

Small Wonders Day Care Nursery (Iea Green) registered in 2017. The nursery employs 18 members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 to level 6, including two staff who hold qualified teacher status. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 7.30am until 6pm. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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