You & Me. Altrincham CofE (Aided) Primary School



Altrincham CofE (Aided) Primary School, Townfield road, Altrincham, WA14 4DS

| Inspection date Previous inspection date | | 12 June 20 25 Februai | | |
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| 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

- Children behave well. They help each other and develop very positive values and attitudes, treating one another with respect and kindness.
- Staff are committed to promoting children's physical and emotional well-being. Children make healthy choices and are given a good range of nutritious food. Staff ensure that children who prefer to play and learn outdoors are given the opportunity to do so.
- Partnership working with the school is impressive. Staff consider how to develop the skills and knowledge children need in readiness for their next stage of learning.
- Staff have strong relationships with parents. They work successfully with parents to identify their children's likes, interests and capabilities on entry, to help them provide experiences that reflect these. Staff keep parents fully informed of all their children's achievements at the club.
- Staff have high expectations of children's independence and promote it effectively. When children arrive, they find their own names for self-registration, hang up their own belongings and pour their own drinks at snack time.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although the manager checks staff's practice, this does not precisely identify how they can increase the quality of their practice to a higher level.
- Occasionally, staff interrupt children's play to engage them in daily routines.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor staff more rigorously to prioritise areas for improvement and raise the quality of practice to an outstanding level
- improve opportunities for children to play without interruption so they can complete their play or chosen tasks to their satisfaction.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of interactions during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector spoke with children and staff during the inspection
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff.

Inspector

Kay Heaford

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff know how to keep children safe at the club and are knowledgeable about child protection procedures. This includes how to report concerns about the welfare of children and to monitor security arrangements to ensure a safe environment. Accident and medication forms are completed appropriately. The manager uses her strong links with the school teachers to ensure that children's individual needs are met very well at the club. Parents speak highly of the club and comment on the friendly approach from all staff. The views of parents and children are evaluated and considered. The provider uses this information effectively to drive ongoing improvements, and children benefit from a good-quality provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide a range of enjoyable and exciting learning experiences. Staff listen to children's ideas and plan interesting activities. Children test out their own ideas during outdoor play and enjoy changing a game of football into a game of tennis by using the portable net in a different way. Staff engage children in meaningful conversations and use effective questioning to support them to solve problems and think as they play. Children use their imaginary skills well as they combine construction tools to create models. Staff help children to count with increasing accuracy as they support them to count the number of legs on a frog. Children practise cutting with scissors during craft activities, which enhances their small-muscle skills and dexterity. This complements the learning that takes place in school. Staff make regular observations of children's play and use these effectively to plan suitably challenging activities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are friendly and courteous role models who talk to children with respect. They encourage children to engage in tasks, such as tidying away their plates at snack time and helping to set up for new activities. Children are taught to recognise and respect the differences between themselves and others in a variety of ways. Staff give plenty of praise as children play; this helps to promote their levels of self-esteem. Consistent routines mean that children know what behaviour is expected. Staff support children to work through issues of conflict and manage their feelings in an appropriate way. Positive interactions ensure that children are happy to attend and are motivated to play and explore the interesting resources and learning environment. Children settle quickly into the routines of the club.

Setting details

| Unique reference number | 318131 | |
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| Local authority | Trafford | |
| Inspection number | 1090866 | |
| 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 | 50 | |
| Number of children on roll | 14 | |
| Name of registered person | Julie Battle | |
| Registered person unique reference number | RP908488 | |
| Date of previous inspection | 25 February 2015 | |
| Telephone number | 0161 928 7288 / 07753637745 | |

You & Me. Altrincham CofE (Aided) Primary School registered in 1994. The club employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The club opens from Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.45am to 9am and 3.20pm to 6pm.

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