Edgmond Owls





Inspection date	4 July 2018
Previous inspection date	28 October 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and ma	nagement	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	sment	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 outdoor area provides children with innovating challenges. They are enthralled by the environment and explore it with curiosity. This allows children to be inspired to extend their learning outdoors and develop their physical skills.
- Staff make excellent use of additional funding they receive for children. They accurately identify the very best ways to target the funding to help make a positive contribution to children's development. Outcomes for all children are outstanding.
- Staff use their in-depth knowledge of how all children learn to successfully support them to achieve the best possible outcomes in learning. They actively join in with children's play, which makes a significant contribution to children's experience and enjoyment. Staff's interactions with children are outstanding.
- The manager is highly motivational and shares her extremely high expectations with all staff to promote the best possible outcomes for children.
- Assessment of children's progress is rigorous. This information is used exceedingly well by all staff to plan effectively to target the next stage in children's learning.
- Partnership working with parents is exceptional and extremely well embedded in practice. Parents actively contribute to their children's learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

consider how the impact of additional, targeted training for staff affects children's rich experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the setting.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took their views into consideration.

Inspector

Lesley Bott

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff have an excellent understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Children's safety is staff's utmost priority. Staff complete meticulous risk assessments of the premises. Children complete their own safety checks and risk assess equipment they want to use as they learn to keep themselves safe. The manager has a very rigorous supervision procedure in place which ensures the continued suitability of all staff. All staff are well qualified, knowledgeable and experienced. As part of self-evaluation, the manager has identified that there is the opportunity to enrich children's experiences even further with more targeted training for staff. The manager meticulously looks at different groups of children to see if staff can make improvements to support identified groups that need extra support.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff ask children a range of thought-provoking questions using a rich range of vocabulary to help support children's communication and language skills. Children casually use their new words confidently as they talk about carnivores and herbivores while looking at an animal book. Staff respond to children's suggestions and interests using their 'in the moment' planning. Children comment that they want to make a mud cake. Staff provide them with a variety of materials while introducing cookery books for inspiration. Children display high levels of confidence and self-esteem as they confidently explore the wonderful learning environments indoors and outside. Highly effective support from extremely skilled staff is provided for children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff work closely with specialised external agencies in making sure they are fully aware of and work to any targets for these children. Staff skilfully plan activities which inspire children's sense of curiosity in the natural world. Children enjoy searching in the bug hotel and confidently identify the names of the insects.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff transform the environment into a stimulating learning haven where children explore a range of superbly challenging activities and experiences. This contributes towards children's eagerness and high levels of enthusiasm to play, explore and learn. Children's behaviour is excellent and the staff use their expert knowledge to help children learn to manage their feelings and behaviour in a positive way. Seamless transitions between the pre-school and the on-site school have a highly positive impact on children's well-being.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

All children make excellent progress from their starting points. They are motivated in their play. Children remain engaged in purposeful activities for incredibly long periods of time and are given time to complete tasks. Pre-school children are superbly well prepared for their future learning and their move to school.

Setting details

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Local authority Telford & Wrekin

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Type of provision Full-time provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 2 - 5

Total number of places 28

Number of children on roll 30

Name of registered person Edgmond Owls

Registered person unique

reference number

RP523137

Date of previous inspection 28 October 2014

Telephone number 01952 811692

Edgmond Owls registered in 2006. It is open each weekday from 7.45am until 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. The pre-school session runs from 9am until 4pm, with a lunch club from midday until 1pm. The breakfast club operates between 7.45am until 9am and the after-school club operates from 3.15pm until 6pm. There are nine members of staff working directly with children. Of these, seven hold appropriate qualifications at level 3, one holds level 4 and one holds level 6. The setting provides funded early years education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

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