

Wilmslow Methodist Pre-School

Wilmslow Methodist Church, King's Close, Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire SK9 5AR



Inspection date	16 October 2018
Previous inspection date	14 November 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Good	1 2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Outstanding	1

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is outstanding

- The leadership and management of the setting are visionary. All staff strive for excellence. Staff monitor the quality of the provision very well and actively make improvements based on the views of parents, staff and children.
- Staff work collaboratively to monitor children's learning and development. Staff are responsive to children's individual learning needs and nurture them very well. Children feel safe and secure within the setting.
- Children are provided with a rich, stimulating learning environment where they can independently access a range of quality resources. Children are inquisitive and active learners demonstrating exceptional engagement in experiences provided. Children make very good progress in their learning.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. Staff communicate with parents through an array of methods. They provide practical support to parents, such as managing mealtimes, as well as how to extend their child's learning at home.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend further the learning opportunities for children who prefer to learn outdoors, enabling children to progress even further in their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact on children's learning and development.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents, staff and children during the visit and took account of their views.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager.

Inspector

Fiona Johnson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have detailed knowledge of the possible signs of abuse. They know the procedures to follow and where to get support to help them manage any concerns. The manager has a visionary approach to creating an exceptional learning environment for all children in collaboration with all staff. Staff are fully involved in the self-evaluation process. They reflect on practice consistently and strive for excellence. The manager observes the quality of teaching and monitors staff assessments of children's progress. She ensures that all areas of learning are planned appropriately and that children make strong progress through high-quality learning experiences. The manager ensures that staff receive high levels of support to ensure that their practice constantly improves. There is a strong focus on professional development opportunities. The manager uses robust systems to recruit and induct new staff. She ensures all staff are suitable to work with children. Staff are aware of the need to extend further the learning opportunities for those children who prefer to learn outside.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children benefit significantly from the experiences available. The high-quality teaching from all staff enhances children's enjoyment of learning. Staff know how to help children explore mathematical knowledge through counting and recognising number sequences. Parents receive frequent detailed updates about children's progress. Staff are highly adept at extending children's thinking. They provide a narrative for children's play and use questioning skilfully to help extend their learning. Children laugh with excitement as they listen attentively to stories that are aided by props. They are captivated by the storyteller's enthusiasm. Staff make precise assessments of all children's learning, which they use effectively to plan children's next steps and to achieve their development goals.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children work collaboratively with one another and form superb friendships. Staff recognise children's achievements and provide great encouragement as children play. This helps to promote children's confidence and self-esteem. Children have an excellent understanding of hygiene. They explain to others the importance of having clean hands before meals. Children demonstrate high levels of respect. They take turns, share and have impeccable manners. Staff are outstanding role models and provide excellent support to encourage children to understand the importance of healthy lifestyles and safety. Children's behaviour is excellent. Children are very independent. They confidently manage their own toileting needs and their lunch boxes at lunchtime.

Outcomes for children are outstanding

Children make excellent progress from their initial starting points. Assessments are undertaken for children with additional needs and for those who speak English as an additional language. Staff ensure that appropriate plans are in place to build on children's abilities. Children's confidence and curiosity are particularly well supported. For example, they eagerly share their news at group time and at snack time they have lively discussions about the foods they like and what each other enjoys eating. They have strong imaginations and are given opportunities to be creative.

Setting details

Unique reference number	305443
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	10068336
Type of provision	Sessional day care
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	2 - 4
Total number of places	52
Number of children on roll	34
Name of registered person	Wilmslow Methodist Pre-School Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP525006
Date of previous inspection	14 November 2014
Telephone number	01625528892 / 07796 333 055

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