

Inspection of Kids Planet - Beamont

O'Leary Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA2 7RQ

Inspection date: 10 August 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Outstanding



What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Smiles and giggles are in abundance at this positive nursery. Babies greet visitors with a huge grin and are keen to show them the pictures they have created using chalks. Older children laugh and gasp as they tell each other stories about things that they have experienced and discuss what might happen if they saw a crocodile. Children of all ages have close bonds with the adults who care for them. Adults know their key children well and effectively respond to children's individual needs. Children are happy and feel safe in this calm environment.

Children benefit from many experiences that help to develop their physical skills. They strengthen the small muscles in their hands as they enjoy rolling dough, scooping up soil and pouring water. Children use outstretched arms to make shapes in the air by swirling long ribbons up, down and around. They are taught to use cutlery at mealtimes and to serve their own food using the large serving spoon. Children are making good progress and developing the skills they will need to support them in the next stage of their learning.

Children behave well. They are polite and say please and thank you without prompting. Children happily interact alongside each other, taking turns and sharing resources. They enthusiastically recall games they have played and models they have created with their friends. Children are developing positive relationships.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Support for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is a strength of this nursery. Staff use effective strategies to support children with SEND in their learning and to successfully engage them in the activities on offer. They help parents to make links with other professionals to ensure that all children receive the support that they need. Children with SEND form secure attachments with the key adults who support them and make good progress from their starting points.
- Staff support children to make healthy choices. They provide children with nutritious meals and encourage them to eat fruit throughout the day. Children are keen to try different foods at lunchtime and talk about different vegetables in their play as they dig for leeks in the tray of soil. Staff remind children to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly to stop the spread of germs. Children are developing their understanding of what it means to be healthy.
- Children's mathematical skills are developing well. Staff consistently model language of size, shape and quantity in their interactions with children. Children confidently apply their mathematical knowledge in their play. For example, they notice that their sandwiches have been cut into triangles and excitedly say 'we are in a circle' as they sit down for an activity. Toddlers use words such as



'more' as they fill containers and older children say 'we both have the same, two blue cups' as they sit down for lunch. Children demonstrate a secure understanding of early mathematical concepts.

- Staff promote children's language and communication skills. They model vocabulary to children and encourage them to repeat back the new word that has been said. Children enjoy singing nursery rhymes from memory and listening to stories being read to them. Babies independently take books to adults to read. They carefully handle books and enjoy turning the pages. Toddlers point at the pictures and say what they can see as staff share books with them. Children of all ages are becoming confident communicators and are developing a love of reading.
- Parents are complimentary about the quality of care and education provided by the nursery. Parents appreciate the advice and support given to them by the nursery and say that they are kept well informed about their children's progress. Parents are confident that their children are happy at the nursery.
- Leaders engage well with other professionals and local services who are supporting children and families. They communicate effectively and respond to any advice that is offered. This helps to promote continuity of care and education of all children.
- Staff have access to a wide range of training and professional development opportunities. They receive feedback on the quality of their practice and have regular supervisions with leaders in which they discuss children's progress. These experiences and processes help to build on staff's knowledge and skills over time. However, they are not yet effective in ensuring that staff fully understand how children learn and the sequencing of children's development. This means that staff do not consistently match their teaching and activities to children's next steps in learning.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All staff understand their responsibility to keep children safe. They have a clear understanding of the signs that may indicate children are at risk of abuse. Staff know what actions to take if there are any concerns about children's welfare. Leaders have put robust systems in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to minimise the risk of spreading infection. Children demonstrate that they feel safe through the secure attachments they have formed with the adults working closely with them.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

■ strengthen staff's understanding of the sequencing of learning, so that



interactions with children consistently build on what they know and can do.



Setting details

Unique reference numberEY397450Local authorityWarringtonInspection number10129192

Type of provision Childcare on non-domestic premises

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care type Full day care

Age range of children at time of

inspection

0 to 4

Total number of places 61 **Number of children on roll** 51

Name of registered person Kids Planet Day Nurseries Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP900964

Telephone number 01925 630 879 **Date of previous inspection** 1 July 2015

Information about this early years setting

Kids Planet - Beamont was registered in 2009. The setting employs 18 members of childcare staff. Of these, 10 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds level 2. The setting is open Monday to Friday all year round, except for bank holidays. Sessions are from 7.30am to 6pm. The setting provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Liz Dayton



Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector observed the staff's interactions with the children and the impact of these on children's learning.
- The leaders and inspector completed a learning walk together of all areas of the nursery and discussed the early years curriculum.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including checking the suitability of the staff.
- Discussions were held with the manager and staff during the inspection.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The manager and the inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity.
- Children spoke to the inspector during the inspection.

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