

Inspection of Mighty Oaks @ Powell's School

Powells C Of E School, Gloucester Street, Cirencester GL7 2DJ

Inspection date:

16 November 2022

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager understands the need to follow safer recruitment procedures to help ensure that new staff are suitable for their role. She has systems in place to monitor staff's practice and identify priorities for improvement. The manager intends to seek training for staff, for example, to increase their repertoire of physical group games to fully engage children in outdoor activities.
- The manager understands the importance of ensuring that staff manage children's behaviour appropriately and consistently. She has implemented the school's behaviour policy, and this helps children know what is expected of them. For example, staff use yellow and red cards to help children understand the consequences of their actions. They also use gold cards to praise and encourage positive behaviour at the club.
- The manager knows how important it is to work in partnership with parents. She and her deputy ensure that they implement the key-person system and communicate with parents to gain information about how they can meet children's individual needs. The manager demonstrates how she works closely with the school staff to offer consistent support for children's care and developmental needs.
- The manager understands the need to ensure that staff promote children's understanding of the importance of leading healthy lifestyles. She helps children learn about the importance of healthy eating, such as by making fruit kebabs together. The manager knows to support staff to encourage children to join in with regular physical activity including team games, sports, and parachute games.
- The manager demonstrates how she ensures that staff provide a wide range of activities for children to choose from. She explains how they base the activities on the children's interests and create spaces for children to relax, use their imaginations and engage in a range of arts and crafts.
- The manager knows the safeguarding policies and procedures she is required to follow if she is concerned about a child's welfare or if an allegation is made against a member of staff. She ensures that staff receive regular training to keep their knowledge of child protection and safeguarding up to date. The manager demonstrates how she and staff keep the premises secure and check for any potential risks to promote children's safety at the club.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2597158
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	10251426
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	64
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Acorns Nursery School Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP527779
Telephone number	01285653799
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Mighty Oaks @ Powell's registered in July 2020. It operated from the school site for one summer holiday from Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, although currently it does not operate regularly. Four members of staff work with the children, of whom two are qualified at level 2 and 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charlotte Jenkin

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 manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The manager showed the inspector the premises and discussed the safety and suitability of these.
- The inspector spoke to the manager about the leadership and management of the club.
- The manager showed the inspector key documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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