

# Inspection of Dar Ul Madinah Rotherham

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Inspection date: 28 November 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	Requires improvement



#### What is it like to attend this early years setting?

#### The provision is good

Children are warmly greeted by the caring staff team as they arrive at the nursery. This helps children to feel confident and secure as they enter the setting. Children happily engage in a wide range of play experiences. Staff confidently explain the purpose of each experience and understand how to use them to support children's ongoing learning and development. Communication and language are a key focus and are supported exceptionally well by staff. Staff communicate clearly in English and often repeat what they have said in children's home language. This values the uniqueness of each child, while supporting their understanding and use of English.

Children sensitively learn about the Muslim faith and Islamic values during daily planned activities. They sing along to Arabic songs, and older children recall previous learning as they discuss letters learned in Arabic. While there is a key focus on supporting the Muslim faith, children are also supported to learn about other cultural beliefs. This helps them to learn to value and respect similarities and differences as they learn about the world around them. During other daily planned activities, children are encouraged to speak in English. Staff encourage discussions and support children to learn letter sounds in English. As staff read popular stories to children, they explain the meaning of new words, such as 'hatch'. This helps children to learn these new words and use them in the correct context. These planned experiences support children's communication, language, literacy and understanding of the world.

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

- Staff know children well, which helps each child to continually feel settled and secure. Simple rules and boundaries are sensitively reinforced by staff. This helps children to learn to respect these and behave well.
- For children with potential speech delays, staff repeat words clearly and put words into simple sentences. Staff speak with parents to highlight any potential delays in children's learning, encouraging them to seek external support. This helps to close gaps in children's achievements.
- The progress check at age two is completed and shared with parents. The progress check highlights children's strengths and areas to further develop. However, staff have not considered checking when the child's health visitor review is, to ensure that their check is always completed in time for this. This means that there is the potential for developmental delays to be missed by other professionals should parents have not already followed staff's advice to seek external support.
- Children are encouraged to share and to take turns as they play. Staff plan activities to support children's engagement with others. For example, during outside play, children are encouraged to play ball games together. Staff also re-



- enact popular stories and songs, where they encourage groups of children to take part. This helps to develop children's social skills as well as their communication skills.
- Children develop their fine manipulative skills during creative activities. They learn to use scissors when cutting snowmen out. They use pens to make marks when colouring. Children also manipulate play dough with their hands. They squeeze, stretch and roll the dough out.
- Staff introduce mathematical language and counting into children's everyday play experiences. During group time, children identify the names of shapes and how many sides they have. Staff then support children to accurately count each side of the shape.
- Staff listen to children, responding to what they have to say. They also ask questions, encouraging children's speech. For example, when discussing snow, staff ask children where this comes from. Children say that it 'comes down'. Staff help children to further develop their understanding and language, as they confirm that it does come down from the sky.
- When staff plan daily group activities, all children are grouped together. This results in the activity not consistently supporting all children's learning in line with their abilities. For example, older children remain focused and are challenged by the questions asked. However, some of the learning taking place is too advanced for the younger children. These children also begin to lose interest as the activity is too long. The younger children do learn positive attitudes to learning as they observe the active engagement of the older children. During other activities, staff provide more-effective learning experiences, which build on each child's prior knowledge and skills.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Children are kept safe from potential harm. Staff have a clear knowledge of the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about a child. They are also aware of how to respond to any allegations made against staff members. Staff are aware of a wide range of indicators of abuse. They supervise children well in the secure setting. Management follow secure recruitment procedures. A deputy has now been appointed to support the manager in running the provision. During performance management discussions with staff, they are asked to declare their ongoing suitability. This helps to ensure that children are cared for by a suitable staff team.

# What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

■ ensure that the progress check at age two is consistently completed in line with



the health visitor review so that clear information is shared for the full benefit of the child

■ review how planned group-time activities are structured and delivered so that they are developmentally appropriate for each child.



#### **Setting details**

Unique reference numberEY549654Local authorityRotherhamInspection number10221110

**Type of provision** Childcare on non-domestic premises

**Registers** Early Years Register

**Day care type** Full day care

Age range of children at time of

inspection

2 to 4

Total number of places 30 Number of children on roll 12

Name of registered person Dar-Ul-Madinah Uk Ltd

Registered person unique

reference number

RP534509

**Telephone number** 01709 382312 **Date of previous inspection** 6 January 2022

#### Information about this early years setting

Dar Ul Madinah Rotherham registered in 2017. The nursery employs three members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The nursery opens Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 8.45am to 3.15pm.

## Information about this inspection

#### **Inspector**

Melanie Arnold

#### **Inspection activities**

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The manager joined the inspector on a learning walk and talked to the inspector about their curriculum and what they want the children to learn.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of a planned activity with the manager.
- Parents shared their views of the nursery with the inspector.



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