

# Inspection of Woolton Hill Preschool

The Church Hall, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 9XF

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Inspection date:

2 March 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Requires improvement

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The manager is passionate about ensuring staff are empowered to take responsibility for their key roles. Since the last inspection, she has developed a clear plan for professional development. She explains how she monitors the quality of staff practice and offers them support, training and coaching, to help them build on their knowledge and skills. She talks about how recent training has had a positive impact on children's speech and language development.
- The manager discusses how staff regularly assess children's development. She demonstrates how staff use this information to plan a variety of learning experiences that focus on children's next steps and continued progress. The manager explains that should children need additional support, the special educational needs coordinator works alongside parents and other professionals to swiftly close gaps in their learning. She describes how staff work closely with teachers at the local school to support school readiness and smooth transitions.
- The manager understands the importance of working closely with parents to ensure continuity in children's care and learning. She describes the different strategies staff use to share children's ongoing progress, such as through daily discussions, parent meetings and digital media.
- The manager talks about how staff promote good behaviour. She explains how staff encourage kindness between children, and how they give them time and opportunities to talk about their experiences and feelings.
- The manager demonstrates how to support children to adopt a healthy lifestyle. For example, she talks about the equipment children can use to develop their physical skills, such as climbing apparatus and bicycles. She explains how staff provide children with a variety of nutritious snacks.
- The manager demonstrates a secure knowledge of child protection. She understands the local safeguarding partnership procedures for referring concerns about children's welfare. She confidently describes the signs and symptoms of abuse. Robust recruitment procedures are in place to ensure that staff are suitable to work with children.
- The manager understands the importance of continuous reflection. She is motivated to improve quality to benefit children's development. For instance, she describes weekly team meetings. These enable staff to identify what is working well and what needs to be put in place to build on children's learning even further.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	507954
<b>Local authority</b>	Hampshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10233231
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Full day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	2 to 4
<b>Total number of places</b>	28
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Woolton Hill Pre-School Committee
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP519741
<b>Telephone number</b>	01635 254721
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	7 March 2022

## Information about this early years setting

Woolton Hill Preschool registered 1983. It is located in Newbury, Berkshire. The pre-school opens Monday to Thursday, from 8am to 3pm, and Friday from 8am to 12.30pm, term time only. The pre-school receives funding for the provision of free early education for children aged two, three and four years. There are seven staff, including the manager, of whom one holds a level 6 qualification, four hold appropriate qualifications at level 3 and one holds a level 2 qualification.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Jane Franks

## Inspection activities

- 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 led the inspector on a tour of all areas of the premises used by children. She discussed how staff deliver the curriculum for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector talked to the manager about safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The manager talked to the inspector about how the special educational needs coordinator works with other agencies to meet children's learning needs.

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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