

Inspection of The Greenwood Pre-School

Winnersh Cp School, Greenwood Grove, Winnersh, WOKINGHAM, Berkshire RG41 5LH

Inspection date: 8 June 2023

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

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is outstanding

Children flourish at this extremely nurturing pre-school. They excitedly wave goodbye to their parents and rush into the setting to proudly show their friends and staff their drawings they have completed at home. Children are exceptionally independent for their young age. They enthusiastically work together to find a bucket and collect water from the water butt to wash their cars. As they carry it, they laugh and giggle and compare it to a bucket full of sawdust, using mathematical language, such as 'heavier' and 'lighter'. Their peers show high levels of perseverance. They eagerly twist lids of spray bottles and fill them with water to wash the cars in a different way.

Children consistently show extremely high levels of curiosity and a love of exploring. They express sheer delight when they observe a bee on a flower, and actively discuss how it is collecting nectar to make honey. They quickly find their clip boards and magnifying glasses, and discuss and record other insects they might find. Staff are excellent role models. They sensitively provide support that helps children learn how to manage their feelings and emotions. For instance, children independently use sand timers as a resource to share their favourite resources. Children make extraordinary progress. They start school with a wealth of knowledge and skills and a love of learning.

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

- Staff are unreservedly committed to the curriculum of learning. Their intention is for children to build resilience and to explore and investigate through first-hand experiences. The exciting, extensive learning activities staff provide create a stimulating atmosphere that ignites children's learning.
- Support for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities is outstanding. The highly experienced staff team quickly identify any gaps in children's development. They work exceptionally well with other professionals involved in children's care to ensure all children receive highly effective tailored support. Children make excellent progress and develop into confident individuals with high levels of self-esteem.
- The ambitious manager leads the nursery extremely well. She undertakes extensive self-evaluation alongside the board of governors and dedicated staff team to precisely target improvements. Staff praise the excellent support and supervision they receive. They complete targeted training that enhances their knowledge. This has a positive impact on the quality of their teaching and the excellent progress children make.
- Parents speak extremely positively about the staff and teaching at the pre-school. They refer to the extraordinary lengths the staff have gone to in supporting them as a family and meeting their children's individual needs. They

say their children have made incredible progress since starting at the pre-school. Excellent initiatives, such as learning resources for children to take home, further strengthen parent relationships.

- Staff demonstrate excellent skills in supporting children's developing language and vocabulary. Children demonstrate a wonderful love of books, which they confidently recall through visual aids, props and role play. They are highly imaginative, and discuss and create their own stories as they draw pictures. Staff consistently listen to children and show a genuine interest in what children have to say.
- Children take pride in sharing their home cultures and traditions with their friends. They greet their peers in their home languages, which helps to promote a sense of belonging at the setting. Children look at family photos and genuinely listen to their friends, as they talk about their lives at home. They draw their families and proudly share these with others, demonstrating high levels of confidence and very strong friendships with their peers.
- Staff promote children's health exceptionally well. Children access considerable time outdoors in all weathers, providing opportunities for physical development every day. Children build on their stamina and excitedly dig for treasure in the soil. They discuss how they have strong muscles because they eat healthy food. Children show an excellent understanding of personal safety and tell the inspector they need to wear goggles to protect their eyes. They learn to take safe risks, and show high levels of perseverance as they make their way up rope ladders and climbing walls.
- Children's mathematical development is superb. For example, they draw around each other and find tape measures to compare differences in size, using language, such as 'taller' and 'shorter'. Children excitedly record their findings, showing an excellent understanding of written number.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff attend regular safeguarding training and are confident and secure in their safeguarding knowledge. They can recognise a wide range of signs and symptoms of abuse, including risks associated with radicalisation. The child protection systems in place are extremely effective. All staff fully understand the policies and procedures for raising concerns should they occur. They hold discussions with children about how to stay safe when using digital devices at home. Robust recruitment procedures ensure that all staff are suitable to work with children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY341510
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	10288975
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Sessional day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	3 to 4
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	51
Name of registered person	Greenwood Pre-School Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP519617
Telephone number	0118 9797580
Date of previous inspection	8 November 2017

Information about this early years setting

The Greenwood Pre-School opened in 2006. It operates within the grounds of Winnersh Primary School, in Winnersh, Berkshire. The pre-school opens five days a week during school term times. Sessions are from 8.45am to 11.45am, and from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. The pre-school offers a lunch club on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 10 staff work with the children. Of these, six have relevant qualifications, including two staff members with qualified teacher status. The pre-school provides funded early education for three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jane Franks

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the pre-school 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 setting.
- The inspector observed the implementation of the curriculum during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- A joint observation was completed and discussed with the manager.
- During the inspection, the inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff working in the pre-school.
- The inspector spoke with staff, children and chair of the board of governors, at suitable times throughout the inspection.
- Parents were invited to share their views with the inspector and the inspector took account of all feedback received, including through written comments.

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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