

Inspection of In2Care at Wheatfield

Wheatfield Primary School, Woodward Close, Winnersh, Wokingham RG41 5UU

Inspection date: 2 July 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children demonstrate that they enjoy attending the club, which offers them a welcoming and fun environment after their day at school. Staff are kind and have developed secure relationships with all children. They take the time to listen to what children have to say and tailor activities to their individual interests. For instance, younger children are highly engaged in art and craft activities, making bubble painting pictures.

Children are confident and explain to the inspector the club rules. They say they enjoy their time at the club, meeting their friends and playing together. Children behave well and take it in turns to share equipment. They listen to instructions and respond politely. Children of all ages play together. This helps them to build a wider friendship group and builds tolerance and respect. Children engage incredibly well with visitors and staff, chatting to them enthusiastically about their favourite activities and inviting them to join in their play.

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

- The club is well resourced, and children have an abundance of activities to choose from. Some children enjoy playing board games with staff, promoting their concentration and engagement levels successfully. While others benefit from a variety of opportunities to be creative and practise skills, such as scissor control.
- The club leaders gather valuable information from parents, prior to their children starting. This helps to ensure children's individual interests and needs are met when planning activities. Staff exchange information with parents regularly, so that they are aware of their children's day and to provide continuity of care.
- Staff interact well with children. They talk to children as they play to encourage language skills and introduce unfamiliar words. For example, children exploring colour mixing are introduced to the colour mauve and where this colour sits on a colour wheel.
- Staff display high levels of enthusiasm during all activities. This supports children to become deeply absorbed in play. Staff support children's curiosity well during all activities. They ask age-appropriate questions, allowing children plenty of time to think and respond. For example, staff give children time to think and respond when they explore colour mixing with paint. Staff teach children about good hygiene practices and help them to learn some self-care skills. However, at times, some staff do not always encourage children to do things for themselves, to help build on their independence skills even further.
- Parents speak positively about the staff team. They comment that they are kept informed about what their children have been doing, such as through daily

discussions. They say that their children are well cared for and are always happy to attend the club.

- The club leaders are reflective in their practice. They seek regular feedback from staff, parents and children to help make improvements. Staff receive support and coaching to continue to develop their knowledge and skills relevant to their roles.
- Staff demonstrate a sound understanding of safeguarding procedures and are clear about their role and responsibilities. They are aware of the steps and procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child in their care. Managers use appropriate recruitment, checking and induction procedures to ensure that all staff working with children are suitable to do so.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2672598
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	10343669
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	170
Name of registered person	In2Care Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2632649
Telephone number	01344609934
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

In2Care at Wheatfield registered in 2022. It is located in Winnersh, Wokingham. The breakfast and after-school club operates from Monday to Friday, term time only. The club is open from 7.40am to 8.40am and 3.25 pm to 6pm. The club employs three members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Claire Boparai

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 viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Children spoke to/communicated with the inspector during the inspection.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.

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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