

Old Court Community Pre-school



Station Road, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 8QY

Inspection date	25 March 2015
Previous inspection date	25 January 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. They take into consideration children's individual learning needs to implement a stimulating learning environment, which helps children make good progress in their learning.
- The manager and staff work well together as a team. They have a positive and reflective approach to their work. This enables them to adapt the educational programmes to meet children's needs.
- Staff attend safeguarding training and show a good awareness of related issues and how to manage child protection concerns. This promotes children's welfare.
- Staff use a calm approach and clear explanations of nursery rules with children. This helps to promote positive behaviour and supports children in preparation for their next steps in learning.
- Staff build strong relationships with parents. They work closely with them to promote children's well-being and overall development. Parents receive a range of information and build strong links with their child's key person. This enables good information sharing to support children's developing needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always use the outdoor learning area and resources to best effect, so children are not able to consistently extend their learning in the outdoor area.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make the most of the outdoor learning area by consistently providing a good variety of learning opportunities, so that children's learning outdoors is fully supported.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the playrooms and the outside learning environment.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at the children's assessment records and staff's planning documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Gina Chamberlain

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

The quality of teaching is good. Staff observe the children during play and activities to identify their interests and what they need to do next in order to develop further. This ensures that all children make good progress in all areas in relation to their starting points. Staff support children's communication and language development effectively, through careful tracking, monitoring and training. They incorporate games and learning tools that support children in pronouncing words and sounds correctly. For example, children listen to a recording of a letter sound and then staff support children as they take turns matching items that begin with the same letter. Children demonstrate their growing ability to concentrate during activities and wait patiently for their turn. This prepares them well for their next steps in learning, such as the move to school. Staff provide children with a good range of indoor resources that effectively promote their learning in all areas. However, staff do not always use the outdoor area and outdoor resources to best effect to fully extend children's experiences.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

The staff team, who have worked in the pre-school for many years, are caring, considerate and sensitive towards the children and their parents. Key-person systems are effective, which help staff to get to know the children very well and successfully promote their emotional security and well-being. The deployment of staff is effective in ensuring children make full use of the indoor resources and receive good support. Children play outside each day, which supports their physical health. Children develop independence and self-help skills as they put on their own coats and shoes, pour their own drinks and wash their hands. Staff are effective in supporting children as they prepare for the move to school. They take children to visit their local schools and invite teachers in to meet the children.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The manager and staff are effective in monitoring children's progress, to ensure they are able to quickly identify children who require extra support. Staff work closely with parents, and seek additional support from outside agencies to meet the needs of all children. All staff have childcare qualifications and update their knowledge by attending training to target children's learning and development such as, speech and language courses. This supports staff to promote children's learning to a good standard. Staff have good relationships with other settings that children attend. They are effective in sharing information with them, which promotes continuity in care and learning. Parents spoken to on the day of inspection speak highly of staff and the high quality care and learning experiences their children receive.

Setting details

Unique reference number	199392
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	836858
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	56
Number of children on roll	95
Name of provider	Old Court Community Playgroup Association Committee
Date of previous inspection	25 January 2010
Telephone number	01793 849783

Old Court pre-school registered in 1974. It is a parent committee run group based in Royal Wooten Bassett. The pre-school opens Monday to Friday, from 8.45am to 11.45am and 12.45pm to 3.45pm, term-time only. The pre-school receives funding to provide free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. The committee employs 12 staff who work directly with the children. Of these, 1 holds early years professional status and 10 hold childcare qualifications at level 3.

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