

Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School



The Parish Centre, Church Road, Wembdon, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7RR

Inspection date	4 October 2016
Previous inspection date	25 February 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff warmly welcome new children and help them to settle quickly and grow in confidence. Key persons spend time making children feel happy and confident. This is particularly effective for children who are learning English as an additional language.
- The management team supports staff well to reflect on their teaching, for example, to improve their interaction with children to support further learning and their communication.
- Staff work well with parents to share information about children's learning needs and next steps, providing children with consistent learning experiences.
- Staff support children's language well. For example, they use signs and other visual aids that encourage children to think for themselves, and communicate their thoughts, ideas and needs, including children who are learning English as an additional language.
- Children make good progress from their starting points. They receive good support from staff that helps them gain the skills and knowledge they need to prepare them well for future learning, including going to school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not work effectively with parents, to work together to help children understand the importance of a healthy diet and how this contributes towards their good health.
- There were few opportunities for children to relax and chat freely, away from the noise and energy of the playroom.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- work more closely with parents so that children receive consistent messages about the importance of a healthy diet and how this contributes to their good health
- help children who want to participate in quieter activities to have spaces where they have opportunities to relax.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to parents and carers, and took their views into account.
- The inspector observed staff and children to gain the level of the quality of teaching and learning, and talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the day.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager and spoke to the chairperson.
- The inspector sampled the pre-school's documentation including staff files, policies and records of children's learning.

Inspector
Sharon Peel

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The management team uses self-evaluation well to reflect on its effectiveness and identify areas to develop, with the views and ideas of the committee, parents and children included. This has enabled it to use new systems to record and monitor children's achievements that involve parents more in contributing towards their children's progress. The management team gives good support to staff that focuses on their professional development. It encourages staff to share ideas after attending training, which has led to more activities that develop children's muscles and hand control, in preparation for early writing. Safeguarding is effective. The management team follows safe recruitment and closely monitors staff's ongoing suitability to work with children. Induction is thorough for new staff and prioritises their knowledge of safeguarding procedures and policies. The management team and staff are clear about their responsibilities and procedures to safeguard children in the event of a concern.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff know the children well and use this to plan interesting activities that help children to be motivated learners. Younger children enjoy playing with staff and older children. Older children show increasing confidence in their abilities. Staff encourage them, through skilful questioning, to think and be creative. For example, they ask children how they made their shoes flash and are enthusiastic about finding out the answer with them. This ignites children's curiosity and gets them thinking about ideas. Staff follow children's interests well, joining in to extend their learning. Children sing songs together and use instruments to express themselves. The indoor environment is stimulating and well planned to meet children's needs and interests.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children's behaviour is good and staff manage minor disputes calmly and sensitively. Children, including those who are new, are confident to play with staff, and seek their reassurance and support when needed. Staff are tuned in and responsive to children's needs. They know when to give children space, when they may need a hug, or time to talk or play together. Children learn to respect and consider the needs of others, following the good example set by staff. Children enjoy physical play outside, and are busy and active.

Outcomes for children are good

All children, including those with special educational needs and English as an additional language, have a positive attitude to learning and embrace the opportunities to investigate and achieve. Children listen and concentrate well. They explore with independence, have a go at new activities and build strong relationships with others.

Setting details

Unique reference number	142909
Local authority	Somerset
Inspection number	1061472
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	63
Name of registered person	Wembdon Sunshiners Pre School Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP904659
Date of previous inspection	25 February 2013
Telephone number	01278 457100

Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School registered in 1974. It operates from the main hall of the Parish Community Centre in the rural village of Wembdon, Somerset, on the outskirts of Bridgwater. It is a committee-run pre-school open each weekday from 8.30am to 4.30pm during term time only. The setting receives funding to provide early education for children aged two, three and four years. The pre-school employs nine staff to work with the children and a part-time administrator. The manager has early years professional status and her deputies are working towards this qualification. There are five members of staff who hold an early years qualification at level 3 and two hold an early years qualification at level 2.

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