

Inspection of Kingsclere Day Nursery and Pre-School

Forest Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 5SA

Inspection date: 23 October 2023

Overall effectiveness	Good
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The quality of education	Good
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Behaviour and attitudes	Good
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Personal development	Good
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Leadership and management	Good
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Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Inadequate
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What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Children make a good start to their learning in this very caring and stimulating nursery. They make good progress, overall, throughout their time in nursery. Managers have made considerable improvements since the last inspection. They have taken the time to reflect on the provision and staff's practice, and have brought about positive changes to improve the outcomes for children.

Children are relaxed as they learn to follow routines, and they understand what staff expect of them. For instance, children help to prepare the room for snack and lunch and put their plates away when they have finished. Children behave well, resulting in the nursery having a calm atmosphere.

Children explore the outdoors in all weathers. They learn how to keep themselves safe in different weather, such as by wearing waterproof clothes in the colder and wet weather. Children have a go at dressing themselves and putting on their outside boots. This helps to support their independence skills. Children develop their physical skills as they practise climbing a wooden climbing frame. Staff say, 'Ready, steady, go!' as children zoom down the slide, smiling as they do so. Children confidently throw, catch and bounce balls. They develop their coordination as they carefully walk along the balancing equipment. Younger children enjoy making sounds as they bang instruments and move to music.

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

- The managers work directly with staff and children, providing good role models. Staff have opportunities to evaluate and discuss their practice and consider how to implement new knowledge. For example, recent training on emotion coaching and early sign language has helped children with managing their feelings. Children now agree on the golden rules and remind each other of these.
- Staff provide a variety of stimulating activities. Children's communication and language skills are supported, for example, as they develop a love of books. During group story times, children take on the roles of different characters as staff read them a familiar story. Children re-enact the story outside with their friends.
- Staff promote children's awareness of numbers and their early mathematical skills well, overall, as they progress through nursery. They take many opportunities to count and sing number songs as, for example, children play with their farm animals or sort toy bears by colour or size. Older children learn to solve simple mathematical problems, for instance, they can identify that if they have two objects, they need one more to make three.
- Parents praise the nursery for its friendly and caring staff. Staff work in partnership with parents to get to know children well. This supports them to

meet children's individual needs and preferences. Staff offer ideas for how parents can extend children's learning at home, helping to provide continuity of care and learning.

- A well-established key-person system helps children form secure attachments and promotes their well-being and independence. Staff welcome children when they arrive and show interest in how children are feeling and what they have done over the weekend.
- In the main, the managers and staff sequence children's learning to ensure that they have the skills needed to be ready for future learning. Children are learning about their emotions and enjoy talking with staff about how they feel, which helps support their well-being effectively. Children enjoy joining in with a play dough activity, using rollers to create shapes, and they peel their fruit for snack, helping to develop their smaller physical skills. However, on occasions, staff do not always implement the curriculum during children's play, to build on children's learning experiences consistently and coherently.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All staff receive safeguarding training and regular opportunities to discuss any concerns. The managers and staff have a good knowledge of signs to be aware of and know the procedures to follow to help children. Staff have a good understanding of their whistle-blowing procedures and who to go to outside of the organisation. The managers are aware of their responsibility to check the suitability of staff to ensure that they are safe to work with children. The nursery is safe and secure. Risk assessments are carried out by staff to ensure the suitability of the environment.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

- continue to support staff to implement the curriculum to help provide children with learning opportunities during their play that consistently and coherently build on skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	148612
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	10301948
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	1 to 3
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	32
Name of registered person	Kingsclere Nurseries Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP900875
Telephone number	01344 420546
Date of previous inspection	13 June 2023

Information about this early years setting

Kingsclere Day Nursery and Pre-School registered in 1986. It is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm, for 51 weeks of the year. The nursery is in receipt of funding for the provision of free early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. There are twelve members of staff, of whom nine hold relevant qualifications at level 2 and above. The nursery employs a cook.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Claire Boparai

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed the quality of education being provided, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact that this was having on children's learning.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of a group activity with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views
- The inspector held a meeting with the managers and looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the setting.
- The manager joined the inspector on a learning walk and talked to the inspector about their curriculum and what they want the children to learn.

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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