St Mary's Early Learning and Childcare Class Day Care of Children

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About the service

St Mary's Early Learning and Childcare Class is registered with the Care Inspectorate to provide a day care service to a maximum of 52 children not yet of an age to attend primary school at any one time. The nursery class can accommodate: 10 children from 2 to under 3 years old and 32 children from 3 years of age to those not yet attending primary school. The Pre School Assessment and Development Unit (PSADU) accommodates a maximum of 10 children from 3 years to those not yet attending primary school. During our inspection the PSADU wing was not in use.

The service is based within St Mary's Primary School, Maxwellton Road, Paisley. The provider of the service is Renfrewshire Council.

The nursery class accommodation offers two connected playrooms, one smaller playroom, a sensory area and toilets. Outdoor play space is also available.

What people told us

During the inspection process, we issued a digital survey to parents using the service. We received nine responses from parents. Most parents told us about the positive experiences they had using the service. Their comments in response to our questions: "Do you feel the service is well led and managed?" and "We would like to hear your views about what you think the service are doing well or what they could improve on."

"Yes- Mrs McGuire is very approachable and will always follow up if I have contacted her to ensure the solution is appropriate and successful for all. All staff are very approachable and proactive to support pupil and parents."

"I think the service is amazing, staff are extremely friendly and approachable. Appear well trained in loads of aspects of child development and support needs. I feel very confident that my son is well cared for and they are aiding his development when I drop him off."

"The staff are very well engaged in the interests of each child. I have been so impressed by how well they know my child and the extra effort they regularly make to develop activities that he will enjoy. They are very attentive to all the children and I have complete confidence in them to care for my child as well as providing stimulating activities."

Self assessment

A self assessment was not requested as part of this inspection.

From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	5 - Very Good
Quality of environment	not assessed
Quality of staffing	not assessed
Quality of management and leadership	4 - Good

What the service does well

Children experienced caring, and nurturing interactions from staff who supported their individual care needs. We saw staff warmly interact with children and offer comfort and cuddles when needed. This helped children to feel secure and valued.

Effective curricular planning processes were in place and children had very good opportunities to lead their own play and learning. This was further supported by skilled staff using higher order thinking questions to extend children's experiences. We saw children using a range of open-ended and real life resources, for example children enjoyed using real tools and other items during an experience where they were measuring weight. This supported children to develop problem-solving skills and enhanced their opportunities to be creative and use their imagination.

Staff were all aware of the individual care needs of the children attending and could confidently discuss children within their key group and nursery as a whole. Each child had a personal plan in place. These contained relevant information detailing children's individual care needs and planned strategies to support children's learning and development.

We were satisfied that the service had appropriate infection, prevention and control procedures in place to support a safe environment for children and families. For example, good handwashing routines were in place and had been adapted in line with current guidance. The playrooms were visibly clean and tidy with enhanced cleaning regimes in place to prevent the spread of infection.

There was an inclusive ethos and a focus on working with parents. The service communicated daily with parents at handover times. Parents also told us that they were kept up to date by use of the See Saw App. This ensured parents were well informed and involved in their children's care and learning. One parent told us: "I have been very impressed with the quality of information received about my child's time spent at nursery. Photos and videos are regularly uploaded onto seesaw along with a detailed description of how my child has been getting involved in various activities".

We found the service to be managed and led to a good standard. The management team engaged well during the inspection process, taking on advice and support, which demonstrated a commitment for improvement.

What the service could do better

Monitoring and auditing processes had been started and the management team were keen to develop these to support good outcomes for children. To further support improvements across the setting, we advised the management team that priority should be given to reviewing medication, curricular planning and the impact of staff training on outcomes for children.

Lunch was served in the school dining hall for 3-5 room children, which impacted on children experiencing a nurturing environment. The management team agreed that children's lunch time experience was something they were closely monitoring to ensure positive outcomes are experienced by all children

Requirements

Number of requirements: 0

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 0

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com.

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Previous requirements

There are no outstanding requirements.

What the service has done to meet any recommendations we made at or since the last inspection

Previous recommendations

There are no outstanding recommendations.

Inspection and grading history

Date	Type	Gradings	
22 Jan 2018	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 5 - Very good Not assessed
15 Dec 2015	Unannounced	Care and support	Not assessed

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		Environment Staffing Management and leadership	Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed
16 Jan 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good 5 - Very good 5 - Very good 5 - Very good
28 Feb 2012	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good 5 - Very good Not assessed Not assessed

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