

Totterdown Children's Community Workshop

Wells Road, Bristol, BS4 2AG



Inspection date	17 August 2016
Previous inspection date	30 October 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The manager and staff team have worked exceedingly well together to very successfully remedy the weaknesses raised at the previous inspection. There has been an extremely significant improvement in the overall quality of the practice and children's experiences.
- Children behave exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoy making friends as they join in play with children of different ages. Staff are exemplary examples in how to treat others, actively encouraging children's social skills and independence.
- Children form extremely strong attachments with their key person and other staff supporting their well-being and confidence excellently helping to ensure they thrive in the club environment.
- Staff gather meaningful information from parents when children start, supporting them to settle extremely quickly. Staff use this information to accurately identify ways of providing for all children's needs extremely well.
- Highly qualified staff use their knowledge, experience and skills very well. They provide rich and varied experiences to motivate children of all ages to benefit from the activities planned for them.
- Relationships with schools are excellent, contributing towards exceptional consistency in children's experiences. Staff take account of children's current learning in school to provide activities that suit children's individual needs brilliantly.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- further enhance the outdoor space to provide even better for those children who prefer to learn outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector checked all areas used by children.
- The inspector discussed activities with the manager and staff team.
- The inspector reviewed the policies and procedures, looked at children's records and checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff.
- The inspector observed the staff playing and interacting with the children.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents.

Inspector

Judith Harris

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a deep understanding of their responsibility in supporting children's safety and well-being. Staff and visitors alike are made acutely aware of the setting's safety and care policies. The manager uses an in-depth system of self-evaluation and he is extremely proactive in seeking in the views of staff, children and parents. Their opinions are meticulously evaluated and lead to focused plans to improve the quality of children's experiences. The manager uses exceptionally robust checks on staff's performance to identify areas for further improvement. Staff hold a wide variety of qualifications and continue to use training to enrich their knowledge and skills for the benefit of children. For example, recent training about helping children understand and value others from differing backgrounds led to them learning about foods from different cultures. The manager has worked with the staff team to address the previous actions and recommendations. Risk assessments are highly robust and children assess risks for themselves to aid their awareness of how to stay safe.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The early years key-person works with the staff team to plan stimulating activities that help children to be highly motivated and engaged. Children are thoroughly absorbed in creative play and explore a wide range of materials and resources. For example, children delighted in making their own models and puppets. They confidently and skilfully used different materials and were enchanted by their own creations. Staff constantly observe and assess children to help them move on in their understanding. They use interactions exceptionally well. For example, children joined in a yoga session where they developed excellent listening and attention skills. They precisely followed instructions and developed exceptional physical skills as they used their imagination to move their bodies in different ways. Children like their new cosy book area where they can access a very wide range of books, helping to develop early literacy skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children enjoy outdoor physical exercise as they have an exceptionally extensive range of outings. The manager has identified further ways however, to extend children's choices for those who prefer outdoor play in the setting. Children show very high levels of independence as they choose and pour their drinks and snacks and spread toppings on toast. Staff use the local area to provide children with excellent opportunities to learn about their own community. Children demonstrate a strong sense of belonging in the club, which helps to build excellent self-assurance and emotional well-being.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY445158
Local authority	Bristol City
Inspection number	1060862
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	34
Name of registered person	Totterdown Children's Community Workshop Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP522911
Date of previous inspection	30 October 2013
Telephone number	07760724893

Totterdown Children's Community Workshop registered in 2012. It operates from the Holy Nativity Church in Totterdown, Bristol. The workshop is open each weekday from 3.30pm until 6pm during term time and each weekday during school holidays from 8.30am until 6pm. The club employs six members of staff, three members of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 and the manager holds qualified teacher status.

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