

St. Hilary's Primary School Nursery Class

Day Care of Children

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About the service

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This service was previously registered with the Care Commission and transferred its registration to the Care Inspectorate on 1 April 2011.

We carried out a quality themed inspection. This targeted approach means that we looked at identified aspects focusing on children's experiences under two quality themes - Care and Support and Environment.

St Hilary's Primary School Nursery Class provides a day care service to children aged two to primary school age in the local community. Children attend on a part time basis either for a morning or afternoon session. The nursery is registered for a maximum of 50 children: 10 children aged two to three years and 40 children aged three years to those not yet attending primary school. The service operates five days per week during term time and is provided by South Lanarkshire Council.

The nursery operated from two playrooms within St. Hilary's Primary School in the St Leonard's area of East Kilbride in South Lanarkshire. The children were accommodated within one large playroom for three to fives with a designated welcome area and cloakroom. The two to threes were accommodated in a separate playroom. A secure door entry system was in place and the service was well maintained throughout. There were also two secure and well resourced outdoor play areas which were accessed from both playrooms.

A full aims and objectives statement was available to people using the service.

This report was written following an unannounced inspection which took place on Tuesday 15 November 2016 between 9.30am and 1.45pm. The inspection was carried out by an inspector from the Care Inspectorate. Feedback was given to the manager on the same day as the inspection visit. There were 21 children in the service during the inspection.

As requested by us the service completed an annual return and a self assessment document.

During the inspection we gathered evidence from different sources:

We spoke with: head teacher (manager), five staff and eight children.

We looked at: the service's self assessment, health and safety records including infection control, risk assessments, medication, care standards questionnaires, service questionnaires for parents/carers, children's files, personal plans and learning journals, child protection case file management, additional support needs plans and paperwork, registration certificate and insurance certificate.

We observed: staff's childcare practice, environment, equipment and outdoor area.

All of the above information was taken into account and reported on under the relevant quality themes within this report.

What people told us

We issued 20 care standard questionnaires to the service to distribute to parents/carers of children who used the service. We received 11 completed questionnaires before the inspection with three having additional comments. We also spoke with three parents/carers during the inspection visit. Comments were as follows:

"My child has become a confident, happy, independent little boy since starting at St Hilary's. He comes home excited to share his learning."

"Topics seem child led, teaching new information and facts in an enjoyable way."

"Staff are friendly and approachable. We love the open door policy and can come into the play room to collect our child."

"Three of my children have attended St. Hilary's Nursery and I could never say a bad word about it. Wonderful nursery."

"From my child starting nursery till now she has received an incredible amount of learning through play and various activities."

"My child has grown in confidence and has made lovely friendships with peers and staff."

We also asked the manager to give out five questionnaires to staff and we received five completed and returned. Staff had agreed with all statements.

We spent time in the nursery playrooms and outdoor area and observed children who were happy, settled and enjoying a variety of play experiences. The interactions between staff and children were friendly and nurturing which created a positive and stimulating learning environment.

We spoke with eight children and all of them told us that they enjoyed coming to the service. We observed that all children were very settled within the nursery environment. Some comments were as follows:

"We chopped up the pumpkin for the birds."

"I like playing in the mud kitchen."

"I'm brushing the leaves."

Self assessment

The Care Inspectorate received a completed self assessment document from the provider. We were satisfied with the way the service had completed this and with the relevant information they had given us for each of the headings that we grade them under.

The service identified what they thought they did well, areas for development and any changes they had planned.

From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	6 - Excellent
Quality of environment	6 - Excellent
Quality of staffing	not assessed
Quality of management and leadership	not assessed

What the service does well

The service provided a high quality environment for children to grow and learn. The outdoor area provided a stimulating setting for free play with activities mirroring playroom learning.

Staff were well trained and very enthusiastic in their individual roles providing positive outcomes for all children.

The manager provided skilled support and excellent guidance to staff and service users.

What the service could do better

The service should continue to maintain the excellent level of care and learning opportunities offered to all children and families.

The manager told us that they would continue the ongoing use of GIRFEC in all children's recorded information as well as the continual development of the outdoor area to enhance children's learning.

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.

Inspection and grading history

Date	Type	Gradings	
17 Dec 2014	Unannounced	Care and support	6 - Excellent
		Environment	6 - Excellent
		Staffing	5 - Very good
		Management and leadership	5 - Very good
22 Mar 2012	Unannounced	Care and support	5 - Very good
		Environment	Not assessed
		Staffing	5 - Very good
		Management and leadership	5 - Very good
14 May 2010	Unannounced	Care and support	5 - Very good
		Environment	5 - Very good
		Staffing	Not assessed
		Management and leadership	Not assessed

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