

# Kirklandpark Primary School Nursery Class

## Day Care of Children

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Unannounced

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## About the service

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Kirklandpark Nursery Class is an early learning and childcare service provided by South Lanarkshire Council. The service can accommodate a maximum of 32 children aged from three years to those not yet attending primary school. The children attend either five morning or afternoon sessions. There are currently 60 children accessing the service.

The nursery class operates from within Kirklandpark Primary School in the village of Strathaven. The accommodation consists of one playroom with direct access to an outdoor area, toilets and cloakroom. Children have access to areas within the school including gym hall.

The aims of the service are to provide a "safe, nurturing and engaging environment in which our children develop positive attitudes, good self esteem, resilience and become confident individuals."

We checked the service was meeting the principles of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC), Scotland's national approach to improving outcomes and wellbeing for children by offering the right help at the right time from the right people. It supports them and their parents to work with the services that help them. There are eight wellbeing indicators at the heart of GIRFEC: safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. They are often referred to as the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators.

## What people told us

On the day of the inspection visit there were 28 children present at the morning session and 27 at the afternoon session. We spoke with many of the children over the course of the inspection. Through observations and discussions, it was evident the children were very happy and settled within the nursery. Children participated in a wide range of activities of their choice. Many children were excited to speak with the Inspector and tell her about their favourite activities to do at nursery. Comments included:

"Colouring in is my favourite thing to do."

"I like to play the musical instruments especially the drums."

"My favourite is playing with the castle."

"I like to colour in the postcards."

"My best thing is playing with the dinosaurs."

"I like to play at being Spiderman."

"I like babies."

During the inspection process we seek feedback from parents who use the service via care standards questionnaires. We sent eighteen questionnaires to the service to distribute to parents/carers of children who used the service, twelve of which were returned before the inspection. Feedback was very positive with all parents telling us they were very happy with the quality of care their child received and the positive impact attending the nursery had on their children's development and learning. Comments included:

"I think there are some basic questions need to be asked regarding any educational establishment:

Is the child happy to go

Are they socializing and learning

Are staff approachable and knowledgeable about your child

Kirklandpark Nursery meet all the above and more, a very good nursery"

"My child appears happy and settled at nursery and I feel is learning new skills and developing well."

"My child has been given fantastic support from multi agencies, including nursery staff. We are very happy with his development."

"We are extremely happy with KikIndpark Nursery and know that our children will be well cared for there."

"The ethos and atmosphere in the nursery is excellent and my child loves to attend. The use of "my learning journal" app keeps parents informed."

"I am very happy with this nursery."

"My child receives very good care."

"Staff are very nice, friendly and approachable."

"I am always kept up to date about my child's progress by the staff."

"Great nursery with great staff."

## Self assessment

The service had not been asked to complete a self assessment in advance of this inspection. We discussed the improvement plan for the service which demonstrated clear priorities for improving as well as progress made.

## 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	5 - Very Good

## What the service does well

Management and staff at Kirklandpark Nursery Class gave priority to building up good relationships with families in order to support children and parents. They realised the importance of getting to know the children and their families well and ensured there were opportunities for parents to speak to staff each day, in addition to parent meetings and open door policy.

We saw that children were confident, motivated, happy and engaged. They interacted and responded well to staff who had a very good knowledge of their individual needs. We found staff to be warm, welcoming and nurturing which contributed to children feeling safe and secure.

Personal plans were well-informed and provided evidence demonstrating how the children's health, safety and welfare needs were monitored and in turn children supported to meet their full potential. Children with medical conditions had a separate care plan which detailed signs and symptoms to look out for and action to be taken.

The playroom and outdoor area were well used and allowed children to access a wide range of resources independently. Opportunities for children to be active were further supported by visits to the school gym hall. We observed children enjoying this having fun taking part in a music and movement programme.

Management and staff were committed to self evaluation and self improvement. There was a service improvement plan in place which highlighted key priorities for the nursery. One priority highlighted was to further develop the outdoor learning opportunities for the children by reviewing the outdoor area and purchasing new resources.. Parents, children and staff were consulted throughout the process, with parents voting on the new equipment to be purchased. Management told us that these changes had resulted in positive outcomes for the children as they had learned new skills such as negotiation, turn taking and teamwork. Through loose parts play children had increased in confidence and learned how to keep themselves safe.

Another area highlighted was the reviewing of the current planning to ensure it was more responsive and child lead. Although this was still in the early stages it was offering children the opportunity to direct their own learning and further promote their independence.

Regular meetings allow staff to share ideas, raise concerns and discuss best practice. Staff told us they felt valued and respected by management and were encouraged to have their say on how to improve the service.

## What the service could do better

We discussed some areas for improvement with the management during feedback. This included ensuring children's GP details were fully completed within their personal plans and dating targets developed for children to evidence timescales. We suggested the service display both their child protection and complaints policies for parental information.

## 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](http://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
12 Dec 2016	Unannounced	<div>Care and support</div> <div>5 - Very good</div> <div>Environment</div> <div>5 - Very good</div> <div>Staffing</div> <div>Not assessed</div> <div>Management and leadership</div> <div>Not assessed</div>
31 Jan 2011	Unannounced	<div>Care and support</div> <div>5 - Very good</div> <div>Environment</div> <div>Not assessed</div> <div>Staffing</div> <div>Not assessed</div> <div>Management and leadership</div> <div>Not assessed</div>
3 Mar 2009	Unannounced	<div>Care and support</div> <div>5 - Very good</div>

Date	Type	Gradings	
		Environment	4 - Good
		Staffing	5 - Very good
		Management and leadership	5 - Very good

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