# Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives



Chearsley Village Hall, Winchendon Road, Chearsley, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 ODP

Inspection date	2 December 2015
Previous inspection date	19 October 2011

The quality and standards	of the This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership	p and management	Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning a	and assessment	Good	2
Personal development, behav	iour and welfare	Good	2
Outcomes for children		Good	2

# **Summary of key findings for parents**

## This provision is good

- The manager and staff monitor children's development well. Children make good progress in all areas of learning, given their starting points.
- Staff constantly introduce all aspects of mathematics successfully into children's play to help to build and challenge their skills.
- The manager and staff form strong partnerships with the community and other professionals. Staff share plenty of information with other professionals to help to support gaps in children's learning, including disabled children and those who have special educational needs.
- Staff constantly promote healthy eating very well. Children confidently talk about healthy foods and how they affect our bodies. Staff ask parents to provide healthy and balanced snacks and lunches.
- The management team encourages staff to continue their professional development. Staff use what they have learnt to help improve outcomes for all children.

## It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always organise group activities effectively to focus and build on children's individual interests and next stages in learning.
- Staff encourage parents to share information about their children's achievements to help gain a full picture of their development and progress. However, this is not consistently achieved with all parents.

# What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review group activities to promote children's learning further by taking into account their different ages, abilities and concentration levels
- strengthen the opportunities for parents to share information about their children's achievements, and consider ways of making sure strategies for sharing ideas about children's next stages in learning are highly successful.

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspectors observed children's activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspectors undertook a joint observation with the supervisor.
- The inspectors had discussions with the children, staff and the manager.
- The inspectors took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and through written feedback.
- The inspectors looked at a range of relevant documentation relating to safeguarding and staff suitability, as well as policies, procedures and progress records.

### **Inspector**

Helen Harnew

# **Inspection findings**

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The management team works closely together to monitor, support and improve staff performance. For example, the supervisor carries out regular observations on staff and supports them as they learn to evaluate each other's practice. The manager carries out meetings with staff to help identify areas of support and training needs. For example, children and staff learn to communicate effectively through new resources and activities staff have implemented. The management team self-evaluates the provision well. They invite the views of parents, children and staff to involve everyone in the planning of future improvement plans. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good understanding of their role and responsibility in keeping children safe. They know what to do in the event of a concern about a child's welfare. Children benefit from people visiting the setting to talk about their roles in the community.

# Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff offer a wide range of resources and experiences for children to help them to develop well towards all areas of development. Children confidently explore the environments and constantly make choices in their play. Children learn about the community in which they live, for example, from people visiting the setting to talk about what they do. Staff offer lots of opportunities for children to extend their physical skills. Children learn to ride bikes and climb ladders to slides as they play outside, for example. Staff plan lots of experiences for children to develop their listening skills, such as by taking children on 'listening walks'. They make good use of teaching skills such as skilful questioning techniques to encourage children to share their knowledge on what they can hear outside. Children recognise the sound of wind, birds and aeroplanes as they carefully listen. Staff offer lots of tools and materials for children to practise their early writing skills both inside and outside.

## Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The environment is very calm and welcoming. Children behave well and need little intervention from staff to encourage them to share and take turns in play. Staff carry out daily safety checks and put actions in place to minimise any risks to children's safety. They successfully teach children how to keep themselves safe. For example, children learn to walk inside to avoid any accidents and learn to use tools such as scissors carefully. Staff have good relationships with other local provisions such as schools. For example, they take children on visits to see the environment and meet their new teachers.

## **Outcomes for children are good**

Children make typical progress towards their development, given their starting points. They build good independence. For example, they cut up their own fruits for snack times and learn to dress themselves. This helps to prepare them well for their move to school.

# **Setting details**

Unique reference number 140832

**Local authority**Buckinghamshire

**Inspection number** 841441

**Type of provision** Full-time provision

**Day care type**Childcare - Non-Domestic

Age range of children 2 - 4

**Total number of places** 32

Number of children on roll 28

Name of provider Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives

Committee

**Date of previous inspection** 19 October 2011

Telephone number 01844299123

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