

Inspection of Monkton Pre-Prep

Monkton Prep School, Combe Down, Bath, Avon BA2 7ET

Inspection date:

10 November 2022

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The experienced headteacher and assistant headteacher are very aware of their responsibility to safeguard children. They undertake higher level training to help them lead child protection practice and support staff's ongoing understanding. Staff also regularly undertake a range of safeguarding training to refresh their knowledge.
- There are a comprehensive range of policies and procedures to support all aspects of practice. Security and entry systems are robust. All nursery staff hold paediatric first-aid certificates and have the support of the on-site nurse to help young children in the event of a minor medical emergency.
- The headteacher and assistant headteacher discuss the provision's key-person system. They explain how this would support young children to build beneficial relationships with the adults who care for them, fostering their emotional well-being and confidence. They explain their processes for supporting children's behaviour, focusing on positive reinforcement and ensuring that children know what they do well.
- The headteacher and assistant headteacher explain how staff would use their knowledge of their key children to form a curriculum from their observations and assessments of babies' and young children's development. They would outline any gaps and subsequent next steps in each child's learning, ensuring staff can help children progress their skills.
- The headteacher and assistant headteacher understand the importance of setting out the environment with age-appropriate activities and areas that provide interest and challenge for babies and young children. There are well-resourced outdoor areas and regular forest school sessions to encourage children to be active in the fresh air.
- The headteacher and assistant headteacher appreciate the benefits of developing children's physical well-being and health. Plans for meals, nap time, nappy-changing and toileting arrangements for babies and young children are well thought out. These follow safety guidelines, foster consideration and respect for young children, and focus on their individual needs and routines.
- The headteacher and assistant headteacher discuss the processes in place for promoting partnerships with parents. For example, staff working to develop a two-way flow of information, ensuring both staff and parents are well informed about all aspects of young children's care and learning. This helps support a consistent approach for children.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2591666
Local authority	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Inspection number	10249169
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Monkton Combe School
Registered person unique reference number	2591665
Telephone number	01225 833158
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Monkton Pre-Prep registered in 2020 for the provision of children under the age of two years. It is situated in Combe Down, Bath. It operates Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4.30pm. There are four members of staff. One of them holds qualified teacher status, and the other three all hold an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rachel Howell

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection of the setting since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider, who is also the headteacher, and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provision.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises and viewed all areas that would be used when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed with the headteacher and assistant headteacher how they plan to deliver the educational programmes for young children.
- The inspector checked evidence of the staff's suitability and qualifications, and discussed with the headteacher and assistant headteacher their arrangements for self-evaluation and improvements.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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