Ofsted Inspection – Thursday 11th July

Copied emails from parents

I am xxxxxxxx mum and I would like to share with you my experience with Pre school team.

Pre school is a big part of our community taking care of our little ones and providing fantastic care after school club for older children .

My both sons attend Pre school xxxxxx and xxxxxx.

xxxxxx started Pre school when he was just 2 years and 9 months.

Thanks to Sharon who showed flexibility with days and sessions I could go back to work full time.

At the beginning of xxxxx journey at Pre school he spoke only in xxxxxx. Whole team in Pre school put lots of effort to insure xxxxxxxx can feel safe and understood (By writing words phonetically so they can communicate).

Since first day xxxxxx truly loves his days at Pre school. I can see his language skills improved a lot alongside with social skills. I would like to highlighted that Yoga session introduced by Ann become a routine at our family life. xxxxxx is in charge and we have to follow his instructions. He is very proud of this activity. Gardening is another big part of xxxxxxx life also introduced by his key teacher.

Every single staff member at Pre school is going extra mile to insure child development and support is always a priority.

I would like to say thank you to Sharon and the team for their continued enthusiasm and for the focus they continue to give xxxxxx and indeed every child that attends this pre school.

Whenever I meet new parents I often find myself speaking very highly about the pre school and how wonderful a place it is for xxxxxx

Every session we are welcomed into pre school by everyone, and always with a lot of smiles. I also feel very comfortable to share things with the staff here, whether it be an aspect of xxxxxx behaviour or just a bad nights sleep! knowing that any concern will be listened to and understood.

The weekly emails you send out let me know what the programme is so I feel very informed about what the focus is each week and what xxxxxx will be doing and the sorts of things he will be learning through play. I’m always interested to hear the week’s well planned and interesting programme.

Each week I feel xxxxxxx is doing new activities and learning skills that will help him continue to become a bright and happy little boy. xxxxxx always has something to share about his morning/day at pre school and does so with a smile and sometimes laughter!

I would genuinely really struggle to find fault at the pre school, it is a fantastic place which both my boys have/are enjoying attending.

xxxxxx is 3 plus now and he attends the nursery 2 days full time and one half day. xxxxx was born during covid and our main concern was his socail skills. He joined pre school in 2023 and he has come a long way. I must give that credit to his amazing teachers who identified his needs and helped him to develop. Last year Nativity play was the prime example which showed
How xxxxxx has developed his socail skills. It broke our heart to see him with other children and singing with the teachers. He never sang a single song with us at home yet he was singing and dancing, very confidently. I coulnt resist, so i add a picture of my little shepherd on that day.

xxxxxx has his own interests. He loves planets and numbers. His teacher Claire discussed with us during his reviews that how they have incoperated these in his sessions among other routines. We are so glad that his interests were tailored into his sessions. xxxxx can read and this was also highlighted and supported during his sessions.

xxxxx is our only child. The nursery helped and guided us with parenting skills. As well. We both working parents and we keep contact through emails. Sharon who keeps us informed with all the information and guide us when we need  bit of advice.

We never had any concerns of the safety of xxxxxx. Any incidents we were informed and it gives you peace of mind to know that your child is safe.

Finally Im glad that i got the oppurtunity to send xxxxxx to sunningdale preschool. One of the best decisions we have made for his future. xxxxxx is very happy and full of beans when he entered the nursery. His happy face says that he feels safe and enjoys while he is at nursery.

Morning,

I would just like to say pre school has been wonderful. I have personally had a very tricky year and it has been great to know that xxxxxx is well looked after and loves coming in each day. So much thought goes into the activities and they are always different and very inviting. xxxxxx often comes home with artwork and craft that he has made. I have had 3 children at different pre schools and this is by far the best preschool.

 Everyone is so caring and nurturing towards the children, it has been amazing!

For the Ofsted inspector -

Sunningdale Preschool is a wonderful school where both my children have flourished. I cannot speak more highly of it. The children are nurtured and treated so kindly. Staff go above and beyond to meet the needs of all children including children with additional needs, for example for my son,  who needed extra support with his speaking and listening skills, staff worked with the speech and language therapist and delivered additional interventions supporting his speech and due to this, he has made rapid progress and is ready the school transition.

There is low staff turnover which means staff are experienced and get to know the local families closely. It has always felt like the staff really care about the children on a personal level. They always get to know the children really well and take a genuine interest in their interests and home life, sharing photos, giving thoughtful presents on birthdays etc.

I feel so grateful that my boys have had the privilege of attending Sunningdale Preschool

I am writing to place on record my gratitude to Sunningdale Pre School for the kindness and care they have shown my daughter, xxxxxxx

xxxxxx, has attended this facility for a year, and our expectations have been hugely exceeded. We have been overwhelmed by the care, attention and professionalism delivered by this preschool.

xxxxxx, has learnt so much, and cannot wait to get there in the mornings. Each member of staff has contributed to her well being, and real joy, when she is there.

It has been so reassuring to know that xxxxxx is in such good hands, and a pleasure to witness her development. The weekly emails informing us of the programme for the week ahead, and the smiling faces, warm welcome when we arrive has made this year very special.

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We couldn’t be happier with xxxxx preschool. They have supported xxxxxxx so well during his almost 2 years. There hasn’t been a day when he’s not been excited to get to preschool in the morning.

xxxxxx had a speech delay and the ladies have all massively helped build xxxxxxx confidence and vocabulary up. We now can’t stop him talking. Not only do we feel xxxxxx has so much fun daily but he’s also developed his writing skills from the help of preschool - he doesn’t tend to enjoy doing this at home but comes home with all sorts of writing activities that he has done at preschool.

We feel very lucky to have Sunningdale preschool and have already signed our daughter up to join in a couple of years time. It’s like joining part of a family, we couldn't be happier with our experience.

Our family has been so fortunate to send Lily to Sunningdale Pre-school. xxxxx settled in seamlessly from day one, and this was down to the fantastic early years educators. They take the time to get to know each and every child individually, so I felt like xxxxx was in safe hands from the very start.

Communication between the pre-school and parents has always been absolutely fantastic. The staff there are all very approachable and knowledgeable. They are on hand to offer support and advice whenever it is needed. We get a wonderful weekly email, which outlines every activity that the children will be introduced to. The variety of activities is huge, I’m always amazed at how many new things xxxxx can try each week. We also have access to a file for xxxxx which documents all of her progress and the activities that have made an impact on her. These files are very detailed, and include photos and quotes from xxxxx mornings. It is great to feel like I have a little window into what she has been doing. It’s clear that the curriculum is being covered through play and fun, and I can really see the progress that xxxxx has made in the year that she has attended. She has grown in confidence massively, and now tells us how she can’t wait for her pre-school mornings.

I am lucky enough to send my younger daughter to the pre-school in February, which I think will benefit her hugely and look forward to seeing her thrive there in the same way that xxxxx has.

Sharon and her team are amazing and put every child’s needs first, they go above and beyond.
They provide a loving, caring and safe environment for all the children who attend.
My two older children came through this preschool and loved every minute of it, their confidence bloomed.
My younger two are currently attending, and they just as much as their older siblings absolutely adore the team and being at pre-school.
They enjoy all the different activities and resources available to them daily, and enjoy trying new things. They are always encouraged to be involved.
I honestly couldn’t think of a better starting block in our children’s early years education.

As a new family joining Sunningdale pre-school in September I’ve been overwhelmed by the care and consideration the staff have taken to welcome and onboard my daughter. We have been invited to a settle hour which turned into an hour and a half of dedicated time where we shared information and bonded with the team. My daughter didn’t want to leave and is so excited to join in September. She was instantly happy there and I am so reassured that she will spend 2 happy years at the pre-school and set up for success before she starts school. In comparing the pre-school with my daughters current nursery I already have a closer connection with the team and am so impressed with what I’ve seen. I’m so pleased that we will be part of this amazing pre-school and am thankful to have such wonderful staff supporting the development of my daughter.

I just wanted to send a huge Thank you for welcoming us and my daughter xxxxx to Pre school. You have been amazing with all the paperwork and answering any questions we have had to make the start of xxxxx Journey with you easy. We fell in love with the pre school when we came to meet you all. xxxxx key worker Alison spent a lot of time getting to know us as a family and everyone was so friendly.

xxxxx is very excited to start in September and I feel confident knowing she will be very happy with you.

Best of luck with the inspection, I’m sure you and the team will get the result you all deserve.

I’ve been very impressed with the level of engagement and positivity from the preschool in advance of xxxxx joining. What has impressed me the most is the level of interest in understanding who xxxxx is as a person and how the preschool can best support him. I’m feeling confident this will be a kind and nurturing environment which will allow him to thrive.

Sharon and the broader team hosted an open evening this week which I attended (on top of the tour I already undertook when I selected the preschool) which was brilliant to get to know the staff in a more informal setting. This showed a real interest in understanding our whole family, not just xxxxx alone, which will help support xxxxx during his time at the preschool.

Overall the message that’s been very clear to me from the start is the preschool considered that every child is unique and wonderful in their own special way and the preschool is committed to understanding each child as individuals to set them up best for success.

Please find our comment for Ofsted below. Good luck with the inspection - I’m sure you will be great!

Our daughter is due to start Sunningdale Pre-School this September.

When looking at prospective settings we visited Sunningdale Pre-School with our daughter. We were immediately taken with the engaging environment and welcoming staff. Our daughter felt safe, relaxed and confident enough to go off and play and interact with the adults almost immediately! She also wasn’t keen on home time which was a clear sign to us that this was the perfect place for her.

Once we applied, the communication from Sharon was concise and helpful. We recently attended an open evening for current and future parents. This was a fantastic event which allowed us to meet and have informative conversations with the staff and committee members. It was lovely to meet our daughter’s key worker and have a tour of the outdoor and indoor environment, including the different facilities.

We have got a transition morning booked in for our daughter in July which she is already very excited about!

We have such a positive opinion on Sunningdale Pre-school even before our daughter has started there. The environment is set up well and looks exciting to the children. The staff are positive and very approachable. When parking in the car park to attend a class in the village hall, I often hear the interactions between the staff and children. It is lovely to hear how invested the staff are in what the children are saying and how their learning is extended in such a positive way. When looking at the displays and diary books, there are a range of wonderful experiences on offer such as Forest Schools, yoga, visiting the allotment and taking part in art projects displayed in the local community.

As parents, we are extremely happy with our choice and know that our daughter will thrive in this environment and we are relaxed knowing she is in good hands.

As a parent to a child who previously attended the setting from March 2022-Jul 2023, I can speak very highly of the preschool;

The communication between the preschool and the parents were exceptional. I was kept regularly up to date with how my daughter was progressing, what she was achieving in skills and socially. My daughter absolutely loved attending preschool. From the activities undertaken to enjoying being with the staff.

During this time we had major family events such as the passing of her grandad, followed very shortly by the birth of her baby brother,  but the preschool assisted in supporting her (as well as us!) through this challenging time.

The transition then from preschool to Reception Class at Holy Trinity was faultless. She was absolutely ready, thanks to the preschool team making the transition seamless. We all felt part of the preschool family, and are looking forward to being a part again when my son starts next February 2025.

Afterschool Club Families

I just wanted to share a few words for your upcoming ofsted inspection:

My daughter xxxxx attends the ASC at Sunningdale Preschool and I couldn’t be more pleased with the care and support she receives. She absolutely loves her time there, has always been very happy to go ever since she started in reception (now year one) and she comes home happy and proud of her creative creations! I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend Sunningdale Preschool to anyone looking for excellent childcare

The pre-school and afterschool club have been such a wonderful nurturing environment for my daughter, I work full time and the care she gets there is absolutely second to none the commitment and dedication shown by the staff to learning and supporting children is exceptional. Sharon and the team should be very proud of their wonderful pre-school and after school club it is a credit to our village and community.

I just wanted to say how grateful we are for the care that you provide in after school club.

Our 3 children have been going there for the last 5 years and they still love it. The staff you have (including you Sharon) are so caring and helpful, whenever I have a request or an enquiry, nothing is too much trouble. The girls enjoy the staff too, have lovely chats and they always come home happy. Our interactions are always positive, when they hand the girls back at the end of the day they always have a smile on their faces, it’s comforting.

I cannot bring up a single bit that we would change, we feel very fortunate to be a part of such a lovely school community.

Very best wishes for the inspection today. Please feel free to pass on the following comments to the inspectors:

Sharon and her after-school team are 100% outstanding! The provide an incredible resource for those of us who need wraparound care at Holy Trinity School, and my daughter has always felt safe, welcomed and nurtured at After-School Club. It is an absolute foundation of our community and Sharon is incredibly organised and helpful about coordinating with school events and activities.

"We both had our two daughters attending the After School Club and our youngest daughter is still attending the ASC and we are extremely happy with the exceptional care given by the entire ASC staff. The professionalism and the kindness of the staff allowed / is allowing our daughters to develop themselves after school in a nurturing, caring environment. When we are at work, we know they are in the best, safest possible environment surrounded by an amazing team. At the end of day, the ASC staff always talk about how they have been after school and are very much connected with the parents."

Highly recommend Sunningdale Pre School and ASC. Great care, lovely/friendly staff, would have been lost without them. A wonderful start for both my boys.

Both my children attended preschool for 1.5 years before attending Holy Trinity. They both adored Sunningdale Pre-School and still refer to it as the best school.

The staff are incredible and take such care to ensure the children are safe , happy and progressing. Their experience,  patience and enthusiasm is truly what sets the preschool apart from other settings.

Both my children attended ASC now and it is like a home away from home after a full school day ( my daughter would like to attend every day if she could). I could not recommend Sunningdale Pre-School strongly enough.

My experience of after school club for my son has been outstanding. All the staff that work at the ASC are caring and help to make my child’s time there fun and interesting. ASC offers a variety of activities and it is great when my son comes home with something he has made during his time there. I appreciate the flexibility offered to collect my child from after school clubs. Staff are always cheerful and show a positive attitude and I believe this is a result of the great leadership Sharon provides.

Sharon and the team have made my daughter very welcome, following a change of school setting for my daughter.. The team are flexible, accommodating and provide an excellent wraparound care for working families.

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Sunningdale Pre-School in its capacity as an after-school club. As a parent with extensive experience with the club, having had one child attend from Reception to Year 6 and another currently attending in Year 2, I am keen to share my observations and experiences.

The after-school club has consistently provided a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for my children. From the outset, the staff have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the children’s wellbeing and development. They create a welcoming atmosphere where every child feels valued and encouraged to thrive. My daughters benefited immensely from the wide range of activities offered. From creative arts and crafts to play outside and educational games, the club ensures that children are engaged and motivated. This variety not only kept my children enthusiastic about attending but also played a role in their social and cognitive development.

Furthermore, the communication between the club and parents is exemplary. Regular updates about activities or any concerns are promptly shared, ensuring that parents are always informed and involved in their child’s experience at the club. This open line of communication has fostered a strong sense of community and trust, which I believe is crucial for the club’s success.

The after-school club has been an indispensable part of my children’s educational journey. The dedication of the staff, the variety of enriching activities, and the supportive environment have significantly contributed to their growth and happiness.