Little Doves Community Playgroup

Inspection Summary Report - October 2024

- All staff and the board of directors are wholly committed to meeting the needs of the children and their families in line with their shared vision, 'Supporting your community, supporting your family, supporting you'.
- The children are well settled in the playgroup and are making good progress from their individual starting points.
- A shared process of self-evaluation is in place which identifies appropriate areas for development. The action planning could inform better the changes to the provision if the targets were more specific and the evaluations focused more clearly on the subsequent impact on the children's learning.
- Short-term planning for learning is informed appropriately by observations and the views of the children. The staff have begun to develop the planning to reflect more accurately the pre-school curriculum and the intended learning.
- Songs, rhymes and stories are used very well to develop the children's attention and listening skills, vocabulary, and awareness of sound and rhythm.
- The staff are acutely aware of the main challenges and barriers facing many of the children and families. They work in close partnership with the community and a range of other professionals to provide appropriate support to the children and their families.
- At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the playgroup demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Areas for action:

- ensure targets in actions plans are more specific and evaluations articulate more clearly the impact on the children's learning;
- develop further the planning for learning to reflect more fully the pre-school curriculum and the intended learning; and
- review the school's SEN and complaints policy.

Going forward

- Little Doves Community Playgroup is an integral part of the community it serves. The staff work collaboratively and collegially, with the support of the longstanding board of directors, to meet well the needs of the children and their families. Together they live out daily their vision, 'Supporting your community, supporting your family, supporting you'.
- ETI will work with Little Doves Community Playgroup to monitor its progress in addressing the areas for action as laid out in this report.



