

✚ The highly committed staff and governors of Oldpark Nursery School are working collaboratively towards achieving their vision where every child can be the best they can be.

✚ The school is at the centre of the community and all of the staff work hard to provide high levels of pastoral support for families, which is valued by all.

✚ The process for monitoring and recording observations to inform the planning and the children's progression across the pre-school curriculum is underdeveloped.

✚ The ongoing development of the outdoor learning area is having a positive impact on the play experiences of the children.

✚ The process for the identification of children with special educational needs is robust and the school provides high levels of support for the children.

✚ In the more effective interactions, the staff use skilful, open ended language and effective questioning to extend the children's learning. The children would benefit from this practice being shared and embedded in all staff interactions to enhance their learning.

✚ At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the school demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection do not align sufficiently to the current statutory guidance. The action to take this work forward is to:

- review the reporting and recording procedures for child protection in line with statutory guidance.

✚ A child protection progress inspection will take place within six working weeks.

Areas for action:

✚ to develop a more robust cycle of observing, planning and assessing so that progression in learning is evident for all children across the pre-school curriculum; and

✚ to ensure consistent, high-quality staff interactions to enhance the children's learning.

Going forward

✚ The staff and governors of Oldpark Nursery School are committed to realising their vision where every child will develop to be the best they can be. The nursery school are highly valued by the local community and have made significant and important improvements to the outdoor learning experiences for the children.

✚ ETI will monitor the progress in addressing the areas for action within the body of this report to enable Oldpark Nursery School to achieve its vision more fully. There will be a progress inspection, including a six-week progress inspection for child protection.

✚ The child protection progress inspection took place on 4 December 2024. The arrangements for child protection now align to the current statutory guidance.