



Inspection Report

Bryncynon Growing Together Playgroup

**Growing Together Centre, Old Clinic
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About Bryncynon Growing Together Playgroup

Type of care provided	Childrens Day Care Sessional Day Care
Registered Provider	Bryncynon Community Revival Strategy Ltd
Registered places	26
Language of the service	English
Previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection	14.01.2021
Is this a Flying Start service?	Yes
Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?	<i>The service is working towards providing an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language and intends to become a bilingual service or demonstrates a significant effort to promoting the use of the Welsh language and culture.</i>

Summary

This is an inspection undertaken during the Covid-19 pandemic, therefore we have focused on the priority areas for this setting and not the full quality framework.

Children are happy and settled at the setting. They have warm relationships with staff and enjoy playing with their friends. Children are familiar with new routines within in the setting which are in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff are caring and provide an appropriate range of toys and resources to promote the children's learning and development. The environment is clean and welcoming and has recently been re-decorated to make it a calmer environment for staff and children. Improvements have been made since the last inspection where Priority Action Notices were issued. The premises are secured with locked gates and there are plans for installing CCTV outdoors. Leaders have worked alongside Flying Start to ensure that the fencing is secure and any identified gaps in the fencing have been closed.

Well-being

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme, in full.

Children are happy and feel valued at the setting. They are listened to and are encouraged to participate in activities. We saw children happily using toy vehicles and moving them along various lines marked out on the floor alongside a member of staff.

Children are resilient and are adapting well to changes in routine that have been implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We saw children routinely washing their hands and wiping their faces with wet wipes before and after snack time.

Children are developing their independence skills. They are able to independently access activities and resources that interest them and seek support from staff members when needed. Children are confident when approaching staff members and are happy to share information about their home lives. For example, we saw children telling staff about a new puppy and about seeing a big fire engine in their street.

Care and Development

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme, in full.

Staff have good knowledge of how to keep children safe and healthy. They have adapted well to the new policies and procedures to help keep children safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff know how to raise safeguarding concerns and understand their responsibilities in ensuring children's safety.

Risk assessments are in place to ensure children's safety indoors and within the outdoor area. Main gates are locked with an intercom facility and all outdoor gates are now locked before children access the outdoor play area. The outdoor area is now fully enclosed and recent maintenance has ensured that the area is safe for the children.

There are new cleaning routines in place and increased handwashing for both staff and children. We saw children encouraged to wash their hands before and after snack time and wipe their own faces clean.

Staff supervise children well and they are working in line with the required ratios.

Environment

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme, in full.

The environment is light and airy and fully accessible to the children. All furniture is appropriate for the ages of the children and all are natural coloured and add to the calmness of the room. Wall displays are natural and show photographs of children in their play and completing activities.

The outdoor area is large and offers plenty of play opportunities to the children. All outdoor gates are securely locked when parent have left the site. Recent maintenance has ensured that gaps in the fences have been secured and a new fence panel put in where there was previously nothing. Overgrown shrubbery has been cut back and there is regular maintenance in place to keep on top of this.

Leadership and Management

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme, in full.

There are robust pre-employment checks in place to ensure staff suitability to work with children. All staff are suitably qualified and hold a current Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) certificate checks. The registered individual and the person in charge have a good oversight of the operation and management of the setting. The person in charge is responsible for ensuring that the daily outdoor risk assessment checklist are completed.

Recommendations to meet with the National Minimum Standards

Areas for improvement and action at, or since, the previous inspection. Achieved

Care and development - Unnecessary risk to the health and safety of children where risks to children were not identified.	Regulation 25 (c)
Safeguarding - Children were not properly supervised.	Regulation 20 (1) (a) Regulation 20 (1) (b)

Areas for improvement and action at, or since, the previous inspection. Not Achieved

None	
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Areas where priority action is required

None	
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Areas where improvement is required

None	
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