



Footsteps

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, on Thursday 21st January 2016, Footsteps Playgroup were visited by Ofsted for a routine planned inspection. We are delighted to share with you that the quality and standards of our Early Year's provision has been graded as 'GOOD' in all areas. One of the key findings being:

“Staff have a clear understanding of children’s individual learning needs. This supports effective planning and ensures that children have opportunities to build on previous learning. All children are making good progress from their starting points”.

Following our previous inspection January 2015 and the staff working hard we have implemented many changes, including 1) the way we plan for group activities, 2) monitoring the effectiveness of staff supervisions/peer observations and the 3) self-evaluation process by having a clear drive for improvement.

We have introduced Tapestry, whilst a wonderful tool has brought new challenges for staff in tracking progress and monitoring development needs of all our children. Despite the heavy workload for staff in embracing these changes, staff have continued to provide a stimulating and fun environment in which the children play, socialise, learn and develop, all of which I am extremely proud of.

We have already implemented changes and stepped up our partnership with other local settings which we did the same week following the inspection, proving fruitful. Also with regard to children's critical thinking skills, we have received factsheets from the Early Years team which have been distributed to all staff who have been putting this into practice already.

As a team we continue in our commitment and determination to be the best that we can be and offer a quality provision to each and every child and family.

Our staff team continues to thrive with ongoing professional development and continue to train, learn and develop alongside the children and together.

We were so pleased and overwhelmed by your contribution to the parents/carers feedback in the run up to and during the inspection. We have received fantastic support from the Bury Early Years team and also now have a supportive Chairperson and committee whom we are very thankful for. Thank you all.

I attach a copy of the full report for your information and the staff would welcome your feedback should you care to take the time to do so.

Footsteps is our '**happy place**', our latest motto being "It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it and that's what gets results!" Thank you for being a part of it!

Kind regards

Karen Ramsay, Playgroup Manager