



## Footsteps

Managed on behalf of  
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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 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, dipping into outstanding. Some of the key findings being:

**“Children enjoy the time they spend in the very welcoming and nurturing playgroup. They are fully engaged from the moment they arrive and they explore the resources with eagerness and excitement. They are keen to make up their own games. Children's development and well-being is supported by the effective use of the key-person system”.**

Following our previous inspection in January 2016 and the dedicated staff team working hard we have implemented many changes, including 1) enhancing learning opportunities for children that help them to develop their critical thinking skills 2) strengthen partnerships with local settings which children also attend and promote continuity of care and learning.

Despite the additional 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 are already implementing changes to maximise our work around people and communities and healthy eating, with particular regard to children's lunch boxes.

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 questionnaire and those of you who were able to meet personally with the inspector on the day to give your views and comments.

We have received fantastic support from the Bury Early Years team, in particular, Lois who as an Advisory Teacher has been on hand to guide us in preparation for the inspection. Our Footsteps committee and St. Andrew's Church PCC have all been very supportive and we thank them for giving up time to help us.

I attach a link to the 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.  
<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50071011>

Footsteps is our '**happy place**', our motto continues to be - "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**

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