

The Den Nursery at Wellington Lions Primary Academy rated Good by Ofsted

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The Den Nursery were delighted with the outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection. This is the first inspection for The Den during term time since it opened in 2014. The previous inspection had taken place during a holiday club, in 2017 whilst there was limited staff and pupils in attendance, so it was great that the inspector had the opportunity to see staff and pupils engaged in their learning activities.



As Wellington Lions Primary Academy is a school for the curious child, it is important that this is encouraged from an early age and the report recognises 'children love having their own ideas and experimenting with the wide range of resources and activities available to them.' The report goes on to highlight the many learning activities that were observed in the setting and this is reflective of the variety and quality on offer every day.

The Den Nursery offers term time sessions for children aged 2-4 and teaches the core subjects of communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development as well as Maths, Literacy, Expressive Art and Design and Understanding the World.

Claire Addis Executive Headteacher for Wellington Primary Academies, commented “We were delighted by the outcome of the Ofsted inspection for The Den. We are very pleased the inspector highlighted that 'staff develop strong relationships with children' and that 'parents speak highly of staff that work with their children'. The Den team is led by a qualified teacher, who works closely with skilled keyworkers, to provide the very best support for all pupils and liaises closely with the Nursery Manager at Wellington Eagles Primary Academy and the school Senior Leaders, with the report noting 'Leaders place a high value on the impact that the early years can have on children's long-term progress'. SEN pupils are fully supported and 'staff provide children with SEND with regular opportunities throughout the day to practise the key skills that they need to close gaps in their learning.”



George Croxford, CEO for The Ascend Learning Trust complemented the school and nursery team for their close liaison in ensuring the best outcomes for all pupils, regardless of their age. 'Our youngest pupils are extremely well catered for in The Den, with the transition into school carefully managed to ensure all pupils' needs are met. They really are a fantastic team'.