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PRE-SCHOOL DELIGHTED AT OFSTED REPORT

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An Exeter pre-school is celebrating after a glowing Ofsted report.

Inspectors have praised the Exwick Ark for the caring and inclusive nature of the group. Their report said: "Children thrive at the pre-school, due to its ethos of inclusion and caring, based on clearly stated Christian values.

"The warm and caring emotional environment of the pre-school is a major factor in the good progress made by the children attending.

"Children with learning difficulties, disabilities and those with English as an additional language are welcomed and well supported. Children are cared for by very well qualified and competent staff, who are committed to the constant improvement of the quality of care and nursery education provided.

"Children enjoy a very good variety of activities, which are carefully matched to their ages and abilities, and effectively promote their progress.

"The pre-school's partnership with parents and carers is outstanding."

Pre-school owners Harriet Sharp and Paula Stone said: "We are delighted that Ofsted recognises the warm and caring nature of the pre-school where every child and family is valued and welcomed.

"This has been something that has always been very important to us since we opened in 2005."

The Exwick Ark has been temporarily based at Exwick Parish Hall since its previous premises were closed in January.

It is finalising plans for a new home to meet growing demand.

For more information about The Exwick Ark, phone 07931 591735 or visit www.exwickarkpreschool.com .

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