



Play With Us

Inspection report for early years provision

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ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Play With Us Out of School Club opened in January 2005. It is located within the grounds of Winsor County School. The setting is situated within easy access of shops, public transport and community resources in a residential area of Beckton which is within the London Borough of Newham.

The setting operates from two porta cabins, the play hall, sports hall, and associated facilities which are situated within the main school building. There is also a secure enclosed outdoor play area available for use.

A maximum of 32 children may attend at any one time. There are currently 20 children on roll of whom 8 are aged under 8 years old. The Club operates Monday to Friday during term time; the Breakfast Club from 07:30 to 09:00 and, the After School Club from 15:15 to 19:00. A Holiday Play Scheme also operates Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 18:00 during school holiday's.

The setting supports a number of children who speak English as an additional language, there are no children attending at present with learning difficulties or disabilities.

Children attending the group are pupils of Winsor County School.

There are currently 11 staff employed to work with children, of whom 7 hold a relevant child care qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a warm and welcoming, clean environment. The settings health and hygiene procedures and staffs good hygiene practices ensure children's physical and health needs are well met. Staff are appropriately trained in first aid, procedures for administering any required medication are good. Children are learning about the importance of hygiene and their personal care. Children know they must wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet, there are effective procedure in place to ensure that the toilet area has enough toilet tissue and appropriate hand washing facilities available.

The setting provides children with a wide and varied diet which enables children to develop their understanding of good nutrition, this is further extended by involving children in the preparation of food and the planning of menus. Children have begun to develop an understanding of the importance of taking regular drinks to maintain their health and are supplied with drinks of sugar free fruit juice or fresh drinking water at all times.

Children have frequent opportunities to be active, have fun and extend their physical skills both indoors and outside. They use a range of small tools and equipment to develop their eye hand co-ordination, including cutting, sticking, using pencils and paint brushes. Children improve their physical development through the use of hoops, balls and team games. They make good use of the space available both indoors and outside, they were observed enthusiastically playing team games, climbing, jumping and running around with their peers.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are well cared for in a well maintained, safe and secure environment. The

setting have effective safety policies and procedures in place, staff's vigilant supervision of children help to protect them from harm. Staff ensure the premises is safe before children arrive. Children are starting to learn about the importance of keeping themselves safe. they know that an adult must accompany them in the surrounding outside play space before they are allowed to access the area

Children have safe and easy access to a wide range of suitable, age appropriate, toys, equipment and furniture. These are checked regularly to ensure they remain in good condition. The good organisation of resources means that all children can, with support if required, move around freely, safely and access all of the activities and resources on offer.

Suitable child protection procedures are in place to protect children and make certain that concerns about any child are dealt with correctly. Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of their role and responsibilities and have received relevant training as part of their childcare qualification. This helps to promote and safeguard children's safety and well being.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

When children arrive at the setting they are warmly welcomed by staff who know them well. They enter excitedly and eager to be cared for by staff. Children take part in a good range of well-planned activities that meet their individual needs. This includes writing & drawing, role play, computer activities, PS2, books, puzzles, construction, cooking, art and craft activities, snooker, board games, team games and planned trips out to places of interest. Effective planning ensures that all children have an equal opportunity to access all play resources, to take part and enjoy themselves. However; there were limited items evident that reflect positive images of the wider world.

Children enthusiastically take part in all activities available. They play in the outside play area as long as the weather is fine, they play with bats, balls, hoops, climbing frame and make good use of the space available. A good staff team, helps to ensure that each child has full use of the facilities on offer and an exciting and enjoyable time.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

All children are welcomed and included fully in the life of the Out of School Club. Staff value and respect children and work closely with parents to ensure children's individual needs are met well. Staff have clear expectations for children's behaviour. Care and respect for others is encouraged. Staff are good role models and use frequent praise and verbal encouragement to help children develop a positive self image. Children learn about themselves, each other and the world around them through books, posters and resources that reflect positive images of the wider world;

however, these items were not evident at the time of the inspection.

Staff have developed good partnership with parents which contributes significantly to children's well-being. Parent's views about their child's needs are actively sought before their child starts at the Club. An effective communication system helps to keep parents informed about their child's day.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children benefit from the enthusiastic, motivated and well organised staff team. They receive good support from staff who enjoy their company, know them well and help them to feel secure and confident. Children feel at home and at ease within the well-organised environment. The staff induction programme ensures staff understand the Club's policies and procedures and are clear about how it operates. The Manager ensures that she effectively monitors, reviews and improves the activities on offer and the quality of care children receive.

Staff have a good understanding of the National Standards for Out of School Care and their responsibility to comply with these to promote children's well-being. Appropriate systems are in place to ensure staff: child ratios are maintained and appropriate, adults working with children are vetted and all the required documentation is in place. Children's records are mostly comprehensive and well maintained..

Overall, the setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the time of the last inspection visit six actions were set regarding;

Std 1 - staff being adequately vetted and suitably qualified before having unsupervised access to children.

Std 3 - play and learning opportunities are offered that meet the individual needs of children attending the setting.

Std 6 - written risk assessments are undertaken and any H&S concerns are addressed immediately.

Std 7 - administration of medication is recorded and parents are asked to countersign entries.

Std 13 - staff develop their knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures.

All of the above concerns have been addressed and maintained to a satisfactory standard.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report since the last inspection visit.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure the child's full name is recorded in the accident book,
- ensure that children have easy access to play opportunities that reflect positive images of the wider world

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