



Hawksmoor Youth Club

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?

Hawksmoor Youth Club is an Out of School Club run by Greenwich Children and Young Persons Services. It opened in 2006 and operates from purpose built premises adjacent to Hawksmoor School in Thamesmead. A maximum of 60 children may attend the club at any one time. There are currently six children aged from five to under eight years on roll. Children from the age of eight years to 12 years may attend the club.

The club is open each weekday from 15.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday throughout each term and 09.00 to 18.00 during school holidays. All children share access to a

secure enclosed outdoor play area. Children come from the local catchment area. The club can support children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and can also support children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery employs four members of staff. All hold or are working towards appropriate early years playwork qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children become aware of the importance of good health through actively taking part in a range of experiences that develop their understanding, independence and personal choice. They choose bat, racket and ball games or sit and talk together in the external play sports courts. They have plenty of room to run and are well supervised. Indoor activities in the main hall or side rooms include music, dance and karaoke. Children understand the effects exercise has on their bodies and choose to sit when they are tired or need a rest.

Children are encouraged to take personal responsibility for the control of potential infection. Good hygiene practice reduces the risk of cross infection because staff use an antibacterial spray to wipe down tables. Children are protected from the spread of infection because the provider has a written sick child policy which excludes children with infectious ailments.

Children sit together and chat socially as they eat the snacks they bring with them. The club does not provide snacks or meals. They enjoy preparing and cooking rice during Black History Month and understand the benefits of a healthy diet from discussion during cooking activities. Parents are requested to provide information of any known allergic reactions on the registration documents.

Children's good health is promoted because the provider keeps effective records that log accidents and record the administration of medication. Emergency contact numbers and written consents are signed. Children are comforted and cared for should they become ill because the provider ensures a member of staff with first aid training for young children is in attendance and a first aid box is available.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children and adults are welcomed into clean, well maintained premises purpose built for the youth club. They play enthusiastically in rooms that are kept free of clutter. There is good natural light and adequate ventilation. The club has sole use of the rooms during the hours of its operation and a telephone is available. Play space provides children with more than sufficient room to extend their play including an art room and quiet areas where they can rest if they require it. Outdoor play areas are safe, secure and well maintained.

Children make independent choices from a range of stimulating activities and play opportunities which challenge them. Games, equipment and furniture are in good repair and are easily accessible.

Children play safely as the provider ensures hazards such as access to cleaning liquids are minimised. Regular spot checks are made to ensure toilets are clean and doors are secure. Staff induction includes an awareness of health and safety requirements for the environment in which they work. Staff supervise children at all times and there is an effective system to record details of visitors to the club during its hours of operation. There are clearly defined procedures for emergency evacuation of the building and fire drills are carried out periodically. Children know to stand 'round the corner in the swing park' away from the parking area.

Children's welfare is assured because the registered provider has a written statement based on the local safeguarding children board procedures. Staff induction includes how to report suspected abuse or neglect and contact numbers for local police and social services are held. The statement includes procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff or volunteer which are shared with parents before children's admission to the club. There is a named member of staff with responsibility for liaison with the local agencies and Ofsted.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are stimulated, supported and engaged in a wide range of inviting activities. 'Cooking was good' they state. They play ball games in the secure sports grounds, make and colour glazed items, dance and sing and create a massive sculpture of an octopus to take part in the local community parade. Children are confident and proud of their achievements because staff value and praise their work. Children make purposeful and independent choices as they select from a range of colours. 'I don't want to have lines' says one child.

Children play cooperatively and develop social skills as they talk amongst themselves or to the staff. Children are well behaved, polite and know to share and take turns with equipment.

Staff develop a plan of the routines and events although this is determined in practice by the children's choices. Children show a high level of well being and involvement as they watch a World Cup game of football on TV.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have extensive opportunities to learn about themselves, each other and the world around them through their differences and similarities. They gain a beneficial understanding of racial, cultural and physical diversity in their community through a variety of good quality play resources and planned activities such as Black History

Month. Children have found out the meaning of their own name and share this with the group as part of a general discussion. Staff are aware of their role to support children with learning difficulties.

Children are polite and well behaved. They contribute to the development of the club rules which are signed and displayed by each child. Staff are good role models and children remain calm and considerate of each other.

The partnership with parents is satisfactory. Parents are appreciative of the care their child receives and describe staff as approachable and kind. A written agreement is signed for registration and children's individual records are kept confidential and secure. These include GP details, medical information, written consents and named adults who are permitted to collect children. Information is shared daily between the family and the club. Parents are provided with written information about the club's aims, its policies, required procedures and the records it keeps although these are untidy and disorganised.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children demonstrate they are settled and comfortable in a secure and familiar environment. Children make independent choices from a range of planned activities and resources. Children confidently express what it is like for them at the club.

Children's welfare and care are competently promoted through a range of documents and records which are shared with parents. Staff are aware to inform parents and the registering body of any changes that might affect the welfare of children. The registration certificate is displayed. The Out of School Club meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since registration.

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):

- review the presentation of paperwork, documents and records so that information is clear and well ordered.

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