



Endeavour Fun 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?

The Endeavour Fun Club was registered in 1997 for Full day care. It is managed by a volunteer committee of parents. It operates from the old caretaker's bungalow at Airy Hill Primary School. Children use the main playroom and kitchen, there are toilet facilities on this level. There is a outside play area adjacent to the building and children are able to use the school playground.

The group is open before school from 07.45 and after school until 18.00 term time and from 08.00 to 18.00 in school holidays.

The group is registered for 20 children to attend at any one time. Currently there are 54 children on roll, who attend on both part and full time basis, of these 23 are over the age of 8 years.

The group employ six staff on a part time basis. Three have a level 3 qualification, one has a level 2, other staff are working towards appropriate childcare qualifications.

During term time children are delivered to and collected from, Airy Hill and St Hilda's primary schools, children arriving from other schools do so by taxi. The group admits children from four years of age once they are in full time education.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's health within the setting is suitably supported by the staff, who have a good knowledge and understanding of the club's health and hygiene procedures. Children are independent in self-care skills. Washing their hands before snack time. They enjoy physical exercise and learn about the importance of activity in a healthy lifestyle as they join in free-play and organised activities in the outside play area. The children enjoy outings to the local play park and beach to support their physical development.

The children bring packed lunches from home, these are stored appropriately. The children eat together in a social atmosphere. Children understand the importance of taking regular drinks as a way to maintain their health. They have an understanding of the value of good nutrition as they select fruit and drink fruit smoothies at snack time.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are secure and well supervised in the organised club environment. The premises are clean and well maintained. The risks to children have been minimised by staff completing risk assessments to reduce potential hazards. However, risk assessments have not been fully completed for outings. The safety awareness drama workshop has resulted in the children being involved with developing the club's safety rules; consequently children have a good insight into protecting their own well-being. Children are well protected by the policies and procedures relating to the use of the building, outside, equipment and resources. Children access a satisfactory range of safe and suitable toys resources and equipment. All staff have a good understanding of their supervisory role and this provides children with access to a safe environment in which to enjoy their leisure time.

Children are confident of what they must do in an emergency. There are clear procedures for emergency evacuation from the building, practices are regularly completed by the children.

Children are very well protected by staff, who have a clear understanding of the policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of children with regard to child protection. Staff have attended training and are fully aware of their responsibilities and give priority to children's welfare.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are very confident and self-assured, they enjoy their time in the club's welcoming environment where they can relax or be active in accordance with their needs. Good relationships are evident within the group. There is a wide range of relevant well organised play and leisure activities on offer. All children take part in the different activities, quieter children choose to join in at their own pace. Children are supported effectively by staff who are skilled at encouraging children to extend their experiences and at listening to and talking to children. The older children involve the younger ones in games and adjust the game to suit their capabilities, for example, changing the scoring when playing darts.

The staff evaluate the activities they provide for the children to ensure that all children take part in activities and that they offer suitable challenge for the different age groups and promote children's well-being and development.

Children are involved with the planning for the club and regularly make suggestions for the activities. These often involve celebrations such as Halloween, Chinese New Year and outings. The children enjoy cooking and bake healthy snacks. The children enjoyed the face painting, choosing what they wanted to be from a book.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children enjoy mutually respectful relationships with the staff and each other. They develop self-esteem and confidence as they voice their opinions and make choices and decisions.

Children's behaviour is good, they have opportunities to be involved with the making of the club rules. Staff remind the younger children of the behaviour boundaries so they understand. Children with any special needs are integrated within the group. The children respect and understand that some children may need extra help.

Children's own customs and celebrations are effectively supported. However, there is a lack of activities and resources to support children's understanding of diversity. Therefore limiting children's awareness.

The partnership with parents is satisfactory. This partnership contributes significantly to children's well being in the club. Relationships with parents are friendly, staff make parents welcome. The parents support the group with fundraising. There is a lack of information about the group for new parents. Good verbal communication with parents enables any care needs to be managed in the group.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children progress well as their care is supported with suitable organisation and management. There are a wide range of very detailed policies and procedures in place to support the management of the group. However the complaints system has not been updated. The premises are good and well organised to support and promote children's leisure. The use of time, space and resources enhances children's leisure. Children benefit from the staff having knowledge of how children enjoy their leisure time.

Procedures are in place for induction and the ongoing training of staff. The committee are involved with the group and support the staff. Most of the required documentation to support the care of the children is available. However, not all medication documentation is completed fully.

All staff are committed to updating their training. They are enthusiastic and work as a team to ensure the provision meets the needs of all the children who attend.

Overall, the provision meets the needs of the children who attend.

Improvements since the last inspection

There has been improvement since the last inspection. At the last inspection a number of actions were required to meet the registration requirements, relating to the vetting of staff, policy development and named people for child protection. The group completed the actions within the given timescales. There are now clear vetting procedures in place, a comprehensive policy and procedure file is now available for the safe management of the service. Named persons are in place for both behaviour management and child protection.

There were recommendations relating to documentation and cultural diversity. The documentation has been updated with the appropriate telephone numbers, and there is a record of staff on duty and visitors now in place. The group have purchased some resources to support diversity and training has been accessed. This is still ongoing and has been brought forward from this inspection for ongoing development.

The actions have been completed and recommendations have been followed, resulting in the group better meeting the needs of the children in their care.

Complaints since the last inspection

Ofsted received concerns relating to National Standard 13 - Child Protection. A childcare inspector visited the provision on 2 November 2005. Actions were raised and satisfactorily met by the registered provider. The provider remains qualified for 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):

- ensure medication records are signed by parents to acknowledge the administration of any medication
- continue to develop activities and resources to support children's understanding of diversity
- ensure the complaints procedures are updated to include the new requirements to inform parents of any complaints.

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