



## Drifffield Out of School

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 Driffield Out of School Club is situated in the Sports Centre, which is on the site of the secondary school in the centre of Driffield. It has been registered since May 1995. The group uses three areas within the centre and have access to the swimming pool and main sports hall. There is access to the school grounds and playing fields for outdoor play. The group is managed by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

A maximum of 40 children may attend the out of school club at any one time. There are currently 70 children on roll aged from four to under eight years who attend for a variety of sessions. The club collect children from three local schools in the area in term time. The club is open from Monday to Friday all year, the times of opening are from 07.00 to 09.00 and 15.30 to 18.00 in term time. In the holidays from 07.00 to 18.00.

There are five staff who work directly with the children. Of these four have relevant childcare qualifications and one staff member is working towards a qualification. The club is a member of 4 Children organisation.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is satisfactory.

The children are cared for in a warm, appropriate environment. They are fully independent in attending to their personal care needs and understand the importance of appropriate hygiene practice. They know the routine and wash their hands before snacks and after toileting. There are suitable arrangements in place for the care of children who are ill to minimise cross infection. However, the staff have not completed a first aid training course for infants and young children which is consistent with National Guidance. This is a breach of regulations. Staff have completed a short course on resuscitation. The leisure centre staff, who are on duty at all times the club operates, hold current first aid certificates which include first aid with children. This ensures there is minimum risk to the children's health and safety whilst attending the club.

Children have breakfast and snacks offered through the day. These are limited in the range of healthy and nutritious options provided for the children. There is fruit and sugar free cereals available on most days, but this is not consistently applied or extended more effectively with the children. They are able to access the leisure centre's vending machine, which offer a range of sweets and drinks. The children have regular access to drinking water and juices throughout the session.

Children develop a positive approach to physical activities. They have very good opportunities to access a variety of sport, such as tennis, football and cricket and other team games. This is available all year as the children use the leisure centre facilities and the playing fields. The children go swimming pool on a regular basis in the holidays, which they thoroughly enjoy. Children benefit from support from qualified staff who coach the children in the centre. For example, swimming and racket lessons.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

Risk of accidental injury to children is minimised because staff provide good levels of supervision and support. The risk assessments are thorough and regularly reviewed and appropriate action is taken. There is good security in place throughout the building and contact maintained with all staff that work in the centre. Admittance is closely monitored by staff. As a result, children play freely and safely in a suitable and organised environment. Children learn how to keep safe through taking part in the club's emergency evacuation drills and when using other parts of the centre, such as the stairs.

Children have access to a sufficient and varied range and balance of suitable age appropriate play equipment and resources. The children make independent choices and self-select from what is provided.

Staff have an appropriate awareness of child protection through attending training. They understand their responsibilities and have support from management. However, the child protection policy is not sufficiently detailed in relation to allegations made against staff.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children enjoy a friendly atmosphere and are fully involved in a variety of positive activities. They access a range of games, such as Cluedo, computer games, a pool table and a variety of craft activities. The furniture provided is utilised well to allow children suitable access to all activities and resources. There are comfy chairs which enable the children to relax and take time out. Children are aware of what is available to them and confidently choose from a variety of resources, which reflect their ages and needs appropriately. Activities are planned especially in the holidays. Staff value the children's contributions and encourage them to develop their skills and have fun.

Staff have formed positive relationships with the children who are happy, settled and relaxed in their environment. The children relate well to each other and are confident enough to either play alone or with their friends. The staff offer appropriate support and guidance as needed to the children.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is satisfactory.

The children are welcomed and valued as individuals, staff know the children well. As a result, they are relaxed and confident. There are sufficient resources and play opportunities to help the children consider and develop their understanding of the wider world. Appropriate support is provided for children with physical disabilities.

Children know the rules and expectations of the club as they have been involved in establishing these. They behave well, share and take turns. There is an effective system of reward set up with the children and this has enabled them to take more responsibility for their behaviour. Staff encourage good behaviour through praise and encouragement. Children are supported to resolve conflicts between themselves, to develop their negotiation skills.

Partnership with parents and carers is positive. Staff make time to talk to them on collection and share information with them. There are details about the club's provision through the year provided in the leisure centre leaflet. Information about the child is sought at registration to ensure that individual needs are appropriately catered for. Parents and carers completed a questionnaire about the service provided for their children and their responses were positive and appreciate the services provided. The club have reviewed their policies and procedures, which are available to parents and carers. However, the complaints procedure has not been amended to include the relevant changes.

## **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

The staff work well as a team to provide a fun environment for the children. Space is organised and used well within the constraints of the centre. The staff are supported to attend training. Yearly appraisals are carried out with all staff as part of their ongoing self development. There are clear staff recruitment and vetting procedures in place, these are robust and ensure the welfare and safety of the children.

Most policies and procedures are established and contribute to the safe and efficient management of the club. There is an appropriate registration system that clearly shows the arrival and departure of all the children. All other relevant documentation is in place and appropriately maintained and stored securely within the centre. Overall the provision meets the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides.

## **Improvements since the last inspection**

At the last inspection the provider agreed to extend the range of resources for the children under eight years old; to develop and review the policies and procedures, including a current special needs statement, which are to be made available to parents and carers; to develop a registration system which records children's attendance.

The club have made positive progress to develop the range of resources provided for the children attending, these offer them a variety and balance appropriate to their needs. The policies and procedures, which are continuously assessed and developed, are available to parents and carers. The special needs statement is currently being reviewed as part of the overall approach to the club's policies and procedures, to ensure the ongoing safety and welfare of the children attending.

## **Complaints since the last inspection**

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection. 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.

## **THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE**

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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 staff complete a first aid course in relation to infants and young children
- develop the range of foods offered to the children, which promote a nutritious and healthy balance
- extend the child protection policy to include procedures in relation to allegations against staff
- extend the complaints procedure in line with the new guidance.

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