



St Stephen's (Kearsley Moor) C E 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?

Y2K Kidz Klub is one of three out of school clubs run by Y2K Kidz Klub Ltd. It opened in 2006 and operates from four classrooms and the hall within St. Stephens Primary School in the Kearsley area of Bolton. Securely enclosed areas are available for outdoor play. The club is open each weekday from 07.30 to 09.00 and from 15.00 to 18.30 and during school holiday periods between 07.30 and 18.30.

The club is registered to provide care for 64 children. Currently there are 15 children on roll. Children with special needs are welcomed and supported.

This registration does not include overnight care.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's health is supported through satisfactory hygiene practices, such as washing hands before food and after toileting. They are cared for in a clean and hygienic environment and adequately protected from infection through an exclusion policy being in place. Children stay healthy through enjoying physical activities indoors, such as 'Twister' and hide and seek games in the hall and use of the outdoor play area for running and ball games.

Children generally learn about healthy living through interesting hands on activities and discussions with staff about foods that are good for them. Children's health and dietary needs are adequately met through the staff working with parents to identify and record allergies, intolerances and special diets.

Children are well nourished through healthy snacks, for example, pizza and a variety of fresh fruits for teatime snacks provided after school. Water is always available to children to keep their bodies healthy and hydrated.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a bright and welcoming environment. They are able to move around safely and confidently due to the suitable organisation of furniture and resources. Children use appropriate toys and equipment which meet British safety standards. They are cared for in a safe and secure environment through adequate safety precautions being in place, for example, there is a doorbell system to prevent unauthorised access.

Children are adequately protected from harm through risk assessments carried out to the premises to minimise hazards. Children's safety is enhanced due to staff having a good awareness of fire prevention. Children are beginning to develop an understanding of fire precautions through being made aware of and practising the emergency evacuation plan.

Children are protected because staff are clear about their roles and responsibilities in a child protection situation and have an awareness of indicators of possible abuse or neglect.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children engage well in a range of balanced, interesting activities to foster their all round development. They enjoy using a range of art and craft materials which develop their creativity and sense of achievement and enjoyment, for example, making models and icing biscuits. However, the range of books and reading materials available to them is limited. Children enthusiastically engage in physical activities and enjoy pursuing their interests by choosing a favourite game. They play happily and cooperate well together in their self-chosen activity and enjoy socialising with each other.

Children acquire new knowledge and skills mainly through staff spending time with them during play and helping them to learn. They develop confidence and self-esteem through staff giving them praise for effort and achievement. Children are generally happy and settled through enjoying friendships and having positive relationships with staff.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's needs are met through parents being given adequate information on a daily basis regarding how children have been and what they have done. Partnership with parents is promoted through the recording of children's details, which enhances the individual care and safety of children.

Children feel a sense of belonging through staff respecting them as individuals. They behave well and learn right from wrong because staff talk to the children and give them explanations. Staff ensure all children are fully involved in the life of the setting through assisting, changing or adapting play activities to accommodate all levels of ability. Children's welfare is protected through the staff knowing what to do in the event of identifying a child with special needs.

Children begin to be aware of the needs of others through the staff encouraging them to be sensitive to the needs of the younger children. They develop some awareness of the wider world through play resources and pictures reflecting culture and background.

Children's needs are met through parents being given information on a daily basis regarding their all round needs. All policies and procedures are in place and shared with parents effectively. These contribute to keeping children safe and well cared for.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children are protected because adequate recruitment and vetting procedures are in place. They are cared for by staff with knowledge and understanding of child development. Satisfactory systems are in place to ensure appropriate ratios are met at all times, thus, maintaining children's safety and welfare. Effective deployment of staff contribute to children's enjoyment and achievement.

Well organised documentation is kept confidential and contributes to the safe and efficient management of the provision. Policies and procedures are in place and shared with parents. These contribute to keeping children safe and well cared for, for example, the booking in procedure.

Satisfactory organisation of play areas and resources allow children to be independent and confident learners. Children benefit from staff's commitment to broadening their knowledge and skills in childcare practices through further training, for example, child concern awareness and behaviour management.

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

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet National Standards.

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):

- develop the range of books and reading materials.

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