



## St Anne's 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?

St Anne's Fun Club in Denton is registered to care for 20 children and currently has 35 on roll. The club serves two local primary schools and has been registered with the present provider since 1996. It opens from 08.00 until 09.00 and from 15.15 until 18.00 during term time, and from 08.00 until 18.00 during school holidays. It is closed for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period.

The club operates from St. Anne's Church, Denton in a basement room known as the 'crypt'. The church grounds are used for outdoor play. Staff are appropriately qualified and experienced.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are protected from contamination as staff hold food hygiene certificates and follow food preparation guidelines. However, children do not wash their hands before they eat and tables are not cleansed before children sit down with their snack. Medication procedures are in place but there is no policy to exclude sick children. This puts children at risk of infection.

Children's health is fostered as they eat healthy snacks, such as toast, cereal and fruit. They have the benefit of water at all times during the session and are also offered juice, milk and a variety of hot drinks. During the holiday club, the children bring a packed lunch and the staff at the group ensure that it is stored appropriately.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children play in suitable facilities that are maintained to an adequate standard. They are free from harm as they have enough space to play without fear of injury. Kitchen and bathroom facilities are appropriate. Children benefit from safe and suitable toys and equipment that are checked for their suitability each day. Toys and equipment are purchased to suit the children's age and stage of development.

Children are safe as they setting is assessed for risks before each session begins. The external door is kept locked at all times and parents knock at the door when they pick up their child. Children learn how to keep themselves safe as they are given boundaries to adhere to and they learn together about road safety and strangers. They learn about fire evacuation and practise evacuation regularly.

Children's welfare is maintained as staff understand the Local Safeguarding Children Board's guidance. They are aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse and have shared their responsibility to safeguard the children with parents.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children arrive at the group and choose from a sufficient selection of activities. They enjoy cutting and sticking, making collages with sequins and other items, and making handprints from glitter and glue. They play chess together and the staff talk to the children about their interests. Children concentrate on building models out of construction toys and are proud when they make a robot arm.

Children sit together as they use the hairdressing equipment to style the dolls hair or build models with the tool kit. They read and chat and enjoy their time at the group. Children share their toys and take turns on the computer games. They enjoy role play activities as they push

the prams around and take care of the dolls. They chat together as they play with the small world garage and cars.

Children feel valued in the group as the staff take the time to chat to them and welcome them to activities. They ensure that children have enough to do, eat and drink.

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

The provision is satisfactory.

Children learn about the wider world as they complete activities about festivals, such as Chinese New Year, Diwali and Easter. They also have access to books and pictures, which show positive images. Children with additional needs are supported.

Children are well behaved and they are offered praise and positive comments for good behaviour. Staff remain calm with the children and ensure that they all have something to do. Children benefit from continuity of care as staff talk to the parents about the care offered and any significant issues, as they arrive to pick up the children. The complaints procedure does not contain the appropriate guidance for parents to complain about the provision. Parental comments about the care offered at the group are very positive and they state that 'the children don't want to leave at the end of the session.'

### **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children benefit from qualified and experienced carers who work together to ensure the smooth running of the group. The registered person ensures that staff are appropriately vetted and are suitable to work with children. She ensures that staff have daily talks about what they are doing and the care offered to the children.

Ratios are maintained and the group are organised to ensure that they know what the responsibilities of each member of staff is. Space is adequately organised so that the children can get the most out of each activity.

Records detail the individual requirements of each child and are maintained in a confidential manner. Policies and procedures support the care offered by the group. However, an accurate record of visitors is not kept at the setting.

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 group were asked to ensure that accidents are recorded confidentially and fire drills include children who attend each session. The group have ensured the

confidentiality of the accident records and all children have the opportunity to practise the fire evacuation procedure.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

Since the last inspection, there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the 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.

## **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 that hygienic practices are followed at snack time, to reduce the risk of cross infection, and that a policy excluding children who are sick is shared with parents
- ensure that the complaints procedure is in line with the addendum to the standards
- keep an accurate record of visitors to the setting.

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