



All Saints After School 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?

All Saints Breakfast and after school Club opened in 1995. It operates from the main school hall with additional access to the library and Information Technology (IT) suite. The children can also access the school playground. The setting is located in the Whitefield district and the club provides a service to the parents and children associated with the school. It is registered to care for 40 children aged between three to 11 years old. Children can attend a variety of sessions as the club operates five days a week during term time and two weeks in the summer holidays. The sessions run from 08.00 to 09.00 then again from 15.20 until 17.30. There are eight part time staff who work with the children. Six of them have an early years play-work qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children keep good hygiene practices and are reminded, through displayed posters and discussions, about the importance of washing their hands to prevent the spread of germs. The premises are kept clean and well maintained, however, there is no paper towels or toilet paper in some toilets. Children enjoy a range of healthy snacks and are able to help themselves to drinks from the water fountain. They enjoy the outdoors and benefit from physical activity, which contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

Children's health and welfare is safeguarded. There are first aid trained staff on site at all times and staff are clear on their responsibility to keep records, however, parents signatures have not been obtained after medication has been administered to children.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy, settled and familiar with the environment. They confidently make choices to use different areas, such as the toilet and playground, however, younger children are not escorted to these areas. Children freely select from a sufficient range of resources and activities planned for them. Children particularly benefit from the use of the school library and IT room.

Children understand the importance of safety and always inform a member of staff when they leave the main play area. There are good security systems in place to ensure unwanted visitors do not have access to the school premises and that children are collected by appropriate people. The staff understand the importance of safety, however, there are no risk assessments completed on areas used by the children and fire drills have not been undertaken this term. Children are protected because the staff have a sound knowledge of the safeguarding children procedures and incident records are kept for monitoring purposes.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are very keen to join in the club activities and are familiar with the routines. They develop positive relationships with each other and the staff team. Children are interested in the planned activities and particularly enjoy being creative and dressing up. They have opportunities to use their favourite activities to relax; for example, children sit together to design and build using a range of construction materials. Children are able to request their favourite activities, however, they are not involved in planning for their play or making decisions about the development of the club.

Children are cared for very well by a supportive staff team. The children have a lot of fun and enjoy the sense of humour of some of the staff. Children are encouraged to use the outdoor play area on a daily basis to play football and/or other outdoor games.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are respected and their needs are well met by the staff team. The staff develop good relationship with the children's parents. Written information is obtained from parents to ensure children receive continuity of care. Parents have access to the club's policies and procedures, however, there is no complaints record. Children with disabilities and/or learning difficulties receive good support and are fully included in activities and routines. Children develop a positive attitude towards others and have access to a sufficient range of resources that promote diversity. They behave very well, which is developed through praise and encouragement. They share, take turns and adhere to the schools behaviour code.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The environment is sufficiently organised to allow children to make choices and move around activities freely. The manager and staff are qualified and work well together. They meet regularly to discuss the development of the club and are committed to developing their knowledge and improving their practice to further benefit the children.

In the main, legally required documentation is in place and children's individual records are kept updated and stored appropriately to maintain confidentiality.

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

Improvements since the last inspection

The previous care inspection recommended that the club ensures children have access to a range of materials that reflect positive images of disability, and include the procedures for allegations made against staff in the child protection policy.

There have been some improvements. The children have access to a sufficient range of resources and books that allow them to identify with diversity. In addition, the child protection policy has been reviewed and the procedures for allegations made against a member of staff are included, however, the manager intends to include more detail.

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.

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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 all records of medication administered to children are signed by parents
- ensure risk assessments are completed on all areas used by children and undertake a fire drill to allow children and staff to practice fire procedures
- ensure younger children are supervised when leaving the main play areas
- Provide more opportunities for children to become involved with the development of the club
- keep a record of complaints relating to the National Standards and any action taken.

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