

Marvel After School Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection	Childcare
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Type of care	Out of School care
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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 inadequate - notice of action to improve. The registered person does not meet the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Marvel Out of School club, registered in 2004 is located in the church hall of All Saints Church in the New Cross area, within the London borough of Lewisham. The premises is a purpose built community hall and is located to the rear of the church within the grounds. It comprises of one large sports hall, a small hall and toilets on the ground floor with a corridor leading to a few steps to the dining hall and kitchen. There is an enclosed outside garden that may be used for play with constant staff supervision. Train stations, bus routes and all local amenities are within walking distance. The club is registered to take 40 children between the ages of three and eight years old and there are currently 12 children on roll. There are two members of staff working with the children one of whom is appropriately qualified and one who is beginning her training.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children benefit from being cared for in a generally clean environment and staff maintain a generally hygienic environment in what is a large multi use hall. They have access to soap and

warm water and can dry their hands using hot air dryers in the bathrooms. Children learn good hygiene habits, such as these during the daily routine. They use kitchen roll when eating to protect their snacks from bacteria. Procedures are in place to prevent cross infection and staff ensure parents are aware of the infectious illness guidelines. Children are well cared for when they are unwell and emergency and medication procedures are understood by all staff and parents.

Children have regular snacks at the club but their diet lacks balance at times, for example, they eat crisps and biscuits frequently at snack time. Children enjoy and benefit from regular physical activities such as football and dance to help their growing bodies. There is less encouragement for the children to talk about healthy eating and the benefits of drinking water regularly at the club.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is inadequate.

Children's safety is not maintained at the club because there is no formal risk assessment in place to identify and make safe hazards. As a result the children are in danger of hurting themselves on low level glass, broken cupboards and hot radiators. Children are at risk when walking from school to the club because there are insufficient staff to supervise them at this time. Children's safety is further compromised because the register is not completed in a timely manner.

Resources used by the group are of a generally good standard and safe. Fire procedures are in place in case of an emergency and visitors to the club are recorded. Children are reminded to tie their shoe laces and to prevent accidents by not running or using areas of the hall which may be unsafe. Accidents are securely recorded and shared with their parents. Staff are generally secure in their understanding of child protection but written procedures have not been updated to reflect local Safeguarding Board procedures and this is a breach of regulation.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children generally enjoy attending the after school club and interact very well with each other and staff. At times they amuse themselves by playing card games and they particularly enjoy and benefit from using the large hall for football games and dancing. Although a selection of resources are available, including games such as chess and scrabble, planning is inconsistent and at times the children amuse themselves with little thought by staff of their ability and interests. Resources are not fully utilised and do not always engage their full interest; being more suitable for a younger age group. For example, the children played with wooden bricks, giant Lego and used crayons and paper in their play. Although the children make the most of resources they sit at tables for a considerable time because there is limited access to comfortable areas for them to relax.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children benefit from being in an inclusive environment where they can generally express their ideas and develop their social skills. However there are limited resources which reflect this practice. There is however a clear equal opportunities policy in place. This is adequately

implemented by staff to enhance children's awareness of difference and of the wider world, including an open attitude to gender where, for example, girls can be involved in football games. Children with additional languages or who may be identified with disabilities are supported generally well by the clubs aim to work with outside agencies and through links with the schools children attend.

Children's behaviour at the club is particularly good and they are able to establish strong relationships with each other and staff, for example, when reminding each other of what it means to be kind and not use harsh words. This is securely underpinned by the club's behaviour policy and by praise given to children for good conduct. Staff work generally well with parents and share information both on the notice board and informally to ensure children receive consistency of care.

Organisation

The organisation is inadequate.

The general organisation of activities and routines at the club is not effective because staff do not have a clear knowledge and understanding of regulations. This results in staff to child ratios not being met, particularly during pick up times from schools and this is a breach of regulation. Whilst staff are clearly vetted and have appropriate qualifications the disorganisation of practices at the club compromises children's safety and as a result there are limited risk assessments working in practice. Some policies and procedures are in place and these are effectively shared with and signed by parents. However, the child protection policy and details of the regulator have not been updated in line with current regulations. A register of children's attendance is kept but this is not always maintained to a suitable standard. The provision does not meet 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 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, the registered person **must** take the following actions:

- assess the risks to children in relation to hazards around the building and take action to minimise these
- ensure procedures for supervising children when picking up from school meet child ratio requirements
- ensure the child protection policy is updated in line with current regulations

These actions are set out in a *notice of action to improve* and must be completed by the date specified in the notice.

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