



Smileyark Kids Mayplace

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?

Smileyark Kids Mayplace is an after school club which operates from the Youth Centre within the ground of Mayplace School. They have the use of the youth club hall, kitchen and toilet facilities, together with the dance hall. In addition, children are able to use some of the outdoor play areas. This includes an area with some adventure style apparatus.

The club has been registered since February 2005 and may care for a maximum of 24 children aged 4 to under 8 years. It provides after school care for pupils attending Mayplace school. There are currently 19 children on roll who attend for a variety of

sessions.

Currently two staff work directly with the children. They are supported by the provider and bank staff when required.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children's health within the setting is well supported by staff who have a secure knowledge of the club's health and hygiene procedures.

Children enthusiastically take part in the daily physical activities and particularly enjoy using the apparatus in the adventure style playground. Staff also ensure that younger children have the opportunity to take part in suitable physical activities, such as ring games or ball games, if they do not wish to use the apparatus.

Children are independent in self-care skills and staff encourage children to develop good hygiene routines. The club has a policy on healthy eating. Each day, in addition to their toast or sandwiches, children have the opportunity to select from a range of fresh fruit and vegetables. Children are learning about the importance of making healthy choices as they talk to staff while they help to prepare the snacks.

All required documentation relating to accident and medication is in place and carefully maintained. This ensures that children's health and well-being is well protected.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are safe and secure throughout the session as staff have good safety procedures in place and are vigilant about supervising children carefully at all times. Staff ensure that the premises are secure, safe and suitable for children to use and make sure that all toys and equipment are maintained in good condition. Children are learning to take some responsibility for their own safety as they have been actively involved in drawing up the club rules.

The proprietor was unaware of a change in regulations regarding responsibility for ensuring the suitability of staff employed and had not informed Ofsted of a change of manager. However, children's safety was not unduly compromised because the club already has good procedures in place for ensuring the suitability of all staff.

The new manager demonstrated a good awareness of all the clubs policies and procedures and is therefore able to protect children's safety. However, although she has a good awareness of the clubs policy on child protection she has not undertaken any recent local child protection training in order to ensure that she is fully conversant with the local child protection procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children enjoy their free time at the end of the school day in the warm and relaxed atmosphere of the club. They take part in the activities provided and enjoy helping staff, for example, to prepare tea and set the table. The children get on well with each other and with the staff who are kind, caring and supportive. Although staff ensure that all children have the opportunity to take part in vigorous physical activity each day, they also make sure that children have the chance to relax and rest according to their needs.

A suitable range of toys and resources are provided for the children and they are able to select activities that interest them from a range provided. The staff team spend time sitting with children. They talk and listen to them and encourage them, without any pressure, to take part in the activities on offer.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children are encouraged to develop a positive approach to issues of equality and inclusion by staff who value and respect diversity.

Children behave well. They know and understand what is expected of them and have been involved in drawing up a set of behaviour rules for the club. Staff manage more challenging behaviour with patience and good humour. Children show care and concern for each other, they are kind to each other and helpful to staff. Their self-esteem and confidence is growing as staff treat them with respect, seeking their views and taking time to listen to their ideas.

Parents have friendly relationships with the staff. They come into the club at the end of the day and some spend time at activities with their children while others talk to the staff. The group has recently sent home questionnaires to parents about their service and all of these were returned with favourable comments.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The provider has effective procedures for the recruitment and vetting of new staff. However, she has not informed Ofsted of a change of manager at the group. She was not aware of the changes to regulations relating to staff suitability and the complaints procedure, which were introduced recently.

Staff rotas ensure that there are always sufficient suitably qualified staff present and the staff make good use of the available space. They work hard to make the room welcoming to children and involve children in the planning of the activity programme.

The manager is well organised and ensures that all required documentation is up to

date and available at each session. This ensures that children receive appropriate care. The setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report. 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 Ofsted is informed whenever a new manager is appointed and gain an understanding of the new regulations relating to staff suitability.
- ensure that the manager and staff gain an awareness of the local Child Protection procedures.
- gain an understanding of the new regulations relating to the logging of all complaints relating to the National Standards.

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