



Bridgewater Primary 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?

Bridgewater Out of School Club was registered in 2004. It operates from Bridgewater Primary School and is situated in a residential area in the town of Northampton. The club has use of several upstairs rooms in the school for art and craft, games, cooking/science, snack and general activity room. There is also a staff room and a kitchen. All children have access to an outdoor play area. The club is registered for 24 children under 8 years and there are 25 children on the roll. The sessions are from 15:15 to 17:45 during term time.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's understanding of good hygiene practices is promoted as they are encouraged to wash their hands at appropriate times such as before snacks and after visiting the toilet. This sustains levels of hygiene and helps to prevent the spread of infection. They understand the importance of good nutrition through the provision of healthy snacks which include fruit and vegetables. Children have access to drinking water at all times. Children's physical development is encouraged through opportunities to experience a variety of outdoor activities daily. All of this contributes to their healthy growth and development.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Space is used effectively to create a welcoming and attractive play environment where children can move freely between activities. They are kept safe through supervision at all times for example as they move between rooms to participate in different activities. Children have access to safe and suitable equipment and effective risk assessments minimise hazards. Children are protected and their welfare promoted because staff have a satisfactory knowledge of the local Area Child Protection Committee procedures. However the child protection policy lacks sufficient detail. Generally suitable policies and procedures are in place although not all are effectively maintained to ensure children's welfare is safeguarded and promoted at all times.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are happy, settled and enjoy coming to the club. They are very confident to play independently or in groups. Children enjoy a wide range of worthwhile play opportunities which involve them well and stimulate their emotional, physical, social and intellectual development. Children have warm relationships with the staff. They are encouraged to develop their confidence through sensitive interactions and regular encouragement. Children are involved in a suitable range of developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor activities. Children behave very well. Their needs are met through effective organisation.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are valued and respected as individuals. They are provided with some activities and resources which help increase their awareness of diversity. However,

these are limited. Children are learning to share, take turns and consider others. They receive regular reassurance, praise and encouragement which promotes their confidence and self esteem and they behave very well. Parents are provided with a range of information and information about the children is exchanged at the end of the session. This ensures that parental wishes are respected and the individual needs of the children are met.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The club offers a warm and welcoming childcare experience where children are happy and settled. The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. Space, resources and equipment are organised effectively to meet children's needs. Children feel secure and are confident to select resources and initiate their own play. They move freely between the available rooms. Most areas relating to records and procedures are in place for the effective and safe management of the provision. There are appropriate recruitment and induction procedures in place and staff work together well as a team, which contributes to the enjoyment and well being of the children.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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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 a record of all visitors to the premises is recorded appropriately
- ensure that the child protection statement includes the procedure in the event of allegations against a member of staff or volunteer

- ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice

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