

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 satisfactory. The registered person meets 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 hygienic environment overall in 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 helping to tidy away their snack materials and 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 and are offered a good variety including fresh vegetables and fruit to support their developing and growing bodies. For example, the children enjoy raisins, plums and on occasions make fruit salad to compliment their snacks. They enjoy and benefit from regular physical activities during games such as twister, bowling, skipping and dance to help their growing bodies. Good encouragement for the children to talk about healthy eating and the benefits of drinking water occur regularly at the club and supports children's healthy outlook.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's safety is generally well maintained because they are well supervised both at the club and when collected from school. They are made aware of potential hazards and take responsibility for helping to keep the club tidy. Resources used by the group are of a generally good standard and meet safety standards. Whilst formal risk assessments are not consistently used, the registered person is in consultation with the owners of the building and as a result has covered radiators to ensure children are not in danger in this area. Children are protected from fire because procedures are in place in case of an emergency and visitors to the club are recorded. Up-to-date registers are maintained and accidents, should they occur, are securely recorded and information shared with children's parents. The children are clearly settled into the routine of the club and use the space sensibly and under the guidance of staff. Staff monitor the children and get to know them well. They are secure in their understanding of child protection guidelines and work with the local authority in sharing relevant information. Written procedures which are displayed for parents to see are in the process of being updated to reflect local Safeguarding Board procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children enjoy attending the after school club and interact very well with each other and staff. They settle well, enter the club eagerly and help to choose and set up resources, demonstrating that they have an ownership of their club. Children choose from a selection of table top games and activities and enjoy games where they challenge each others memory and drawing skills. The children learn to take turns, for example in dealing cards and testing their skills in construction and steady hand games. At other times children choose to complete their homework and receive good support from staff at this time. The children enjoy and benefit from using the outside play area and the large hall for football games and dancing and the children enjoy playing their favourite CDs during the session. A good selection of resources are available and the children have been instrumental in choosing what is to be purchased, this includes books which the children have identified as limited at present.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children benefit from being in an inclusive environment where they can express their ideas and develop their social skills. For example, staff encourage the children to give their opinions about activities and resources available. Practice is underpinned by a clear equal opportunities policy which is implemented by staff to enhance children's awareness of difference and of the wider world. As a result children demonstrate 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 the 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, as they chat about their days experience at school. As a result they build good friendships with those from their own and other schools. This is securely underpinned by the club's behaviour policy and by praise given to children for good conduct. Staff work well with parents and share information both on the notice board and informally to ensure children receive consistency of care.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children benefit from attending a club which is well organised overall and staff show a good understanding of the regulations within the National Standards. Staff to child ratios are met and children clearly supervised when being picked up from school and whilst attending the club. Staff are clearly vetted and have appropriate qualifications including first aid and this ensures children's safety is well maintained overall. Risk assessments in place do not always work consistently well in practice, however. Despite this, policies and procedures are in place and these are effectively shared with and signed by parents. This includes the child protection policy and details of the regulator which have been updated in line with current regulations. A register of children's attendance is kept and maintained to a suitable standard. The provision meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

During the last inspection the registered person was asked: to assess the risks to children in relation to hazards around the building and take action to minimise these; and to ensure procedures for supervising children when picking up from school met child ratio requirements. Risks have been assessed and measures taken to further ensure children's safety whilst at the club, for example by moving clutter and covering radiators. However written risk assessments do not always work consistently well, leading to other potential hazards around the club due to its multi use status. The registered person was asked to update safeguarding procedures in line with current regulations and this is in the process of being completed.

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 procedures for hygiene and risk assessment are consistently adhered to
- ensure children have access to a varied selection of books

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the leaflet *Complaints about Ofsted Early Years: concerns or complaints about Ofsted's role in regulating and inspecting childcare and early education* (HMI ref no 2599) which is available from Ofsted's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk