

# Happy Days Out of 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?

Happy Days Out of School at Holyrood church has been registered since 1998. It operates from the Holyrood church hall building which consists of the hall and toilets on the ground floor and the basement room. There is access to outdoor play which is enclosed on three sides. The group is in the Swinton area of Salford. There may be a maximum of 45 children on the premises at any one time.

The group is open Monday to Friday from 07.45 to 09.00 and 15.15 to 17.45 during term time. The play scheme opens Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 17.30 during some school holidays.

There are 78 children on the register at present, 38 of these are aged under eight. The children attend for a variety of sessions.

There is a total of eight staff including both providers. Two of the staff hold relevant childcare qualifications. The group is supported by Surestart.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are welcomed into a clean and generally well maintained environment. They are learning basic health and hygiene routines as they are encouraged to wash their hands at appropriate times of the day, such as before snack time and after going to the toilet. A sick child policy is in place, which excludes children who are ill and parents are contacted immediately if a child becomes unwell whilst at the club. Appropriate medication administration procedures are followed. Written permission is obtained from parents and a full record of administered medication is kept. However, parents do not sign to acknowledge the entry, which poses a potential risk to children's health. Children are protected in the event of an accident as two staff hold a valid first aid certificate and a fully stocked first aid box is within reach.

Children are provided with a sound range of healthy snacks when they arrive at the club. These include carrots, breadsticks, raisins and a variety of different fruits. Drinking water is accessible to the children allowing them to keep themselves hydrated and refreshed throughout the session. Snack times, however, are not used effectively to promote children's health. Children's dietary needs are met as information is obtained when children start and communicated to staff.

Children's physical development is promoted within the club. Sports related activities are planned every day. These include, football, hockey, badminton and tennis. An outdoor play area is available for children, however, sports are also incorporated into indoor play to ensure children engage in regular exercise.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's safety is well promoted within the club. Areas used by children are adequately lit and kept at a suitable temperature to ensure children's comfort whilst they play. Rooms are spacious which allows children to move around freely, however, many resources are not within children's reach, which prevents them from independently making choices in their play. There are sufficient toys and resources available for the children both indoors and outdoors, which are age and developmentally appropriate to ensure they remain stimulated throughout the session.

Regular risk assessments are conducted on the premises to ensure children are kept safe. Entrances and exits are locked at all times and a doorbell system is used to monitor access to the building. Children are protected in the event of a fire as all necessary control and detection equipment is in place. Fire drills are carried out regularly to ensure all children understand how to evacuate the premises in the event of an emergency.

Children are protected as staff have a solid understanding of child protection issues and the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about a child's welfare.

## **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are clearly settled and happy within the club. They have good relationships with staff, build solid friendships and play harmoniously with their peers. Staff take every opportunity to interact with children and support them in their play. Children clearly value this interaction with staff and happily invite them to take part in their play and chat to them about the day's events.

Children have a suitable range of activities planned and provided for them. For example, children have fun as they design and make bats for Halloween, bake chocolate apples and make collages. They have opportunities to use their imagination as they engage in role play, small world play and dress up in different costumes. Arts and crafts activities are planned for every week, along with games and sports related activities. This ensures children have a sound choice of activities to choose from on a daily basis.

## **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is satisfactory.

All children and their families are warmly welcomed into the club. Children are gaining an appreciation of the wider world as they access a sound range of resources, such as jigsaws, books, dressing up clothes and dolls, which promote equality of opportunity. They celebrate a variety of festivals to help gain an understanding of different cultures. There are currently no children on roll with learning difficulties or disabilities, however, staff demonstrate a good understanding of the need to work closely with parents and outside agencies to ensure children's needs are met.

Children are very well behaved within the club. Consistent praise and encouragement is used by staff to promote positive behaviour and clear explanations are provided to children to manage unacceptable behaviour.

Children benefit from a positive relationship between parents and staff. Comments made by parents clearly show they are pleased with the care on offer. They comment that the staff are 'friendly and helpful', that their children 'enjoy coming to the club' and they would 'recommend the club to anyone'. A fully comprehensive, detailed information booklet is given to parents, which provides details about the club, along with its policies and procedures. Informal chats at the beginning and end of each day keeps parents up to date with the care provided for their children.

## **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

Staff provide a safe and secure place for children to play where they are happy and relaxed. They are cared for by a very committed staff and management team who clearly enjoy what they do. Good use is made of space, allowing the children to move around the club freely and safely. A clear induction system is in place and children are cared for by staff who have been suitably vetted. However, there is no system in place to ensure staff understand their ongoing responsibility to declare any offences which may affect their suitability to work with children. This is a breach of regulations.

Staff are deployed effectively to ensure children's safety, welfare and development is promoted. Ratios are correctly maintained at all times and suitable contingency arrangements are in place to cover any staff absence. Clear policies and procedures are in place, are consistently applied and underpin the care of the children. Most documentation is of a good standard, however, an omission has been identified, the registers of staff and children's attendance do not show the hours of attendance. This is a breach of regulations.

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

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

During the last inspection the provider was asked to ensure all staff know and understand the policies and procedures, ensure they promote good hygiene practice and to check the first aid box regularly. All of these recommendations have now been met. A questionnaire was devised to test staff's understanding of the policies and procedures within the club. Good hygiene routines have been established to ensure children wash their hands at appropriate times of the day and the first aid box is checked regularly. This promotes children's safety and welfare.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

Concerns were raised regarding an allegation that the stairs leading to the basement are stone and a child could hurt themselves if they fall (National Standard 6). Ofsted investigated these concerns by asking the provider to investigate. The response was satisfactory and the provider remains qualified for registration.

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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):

- review the organisation of toys and resources to ensure they are accessible to the children
- improve documentation by ensuring parents sign the medication record to acknowledge medication has been administered and ensure staff and children's registers contain the hours of attendance
- review the organisation of snack times to promote good hygiene practises
- develop a system for ensuring staff understand their ongoing responsibility to declare any offences which may affect their suitability to work with children.

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