

Cool Kids Out Of School Ltd

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection Childcare

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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 good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Cool Kids was re-registered in 2007 and was previously known as Kids Mix. It is run by Cool Kids Out of School Ltd. The club operates from the Jubilee room at St Monica's RC Church in a residential area of Flixton, Manchester. Children also have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area at the adjoining school.

The club serves children who attend St Monica's and various other local schools. The setting is open each week day from 07.30-09.00 and 15.30-18.00, term time only. A maximum of 32 children may attend the club at any one time and there are currently 60 children on roll. The setting employs six staff, of these, three hold an appropriate early years qualification. Support from Sure Start in Trafford is given to the setting.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are well protected from illness and infection because the staff conscientiously follow current and appropriate environmental health and hygiene guidelines. The staff organise a

good cleaning rota, wipe down the tables after snack and keep the kitchen area very clean. Children clearly understand simple good health and hygiene practices and they all wash their hands before handling food and after using the bathroom. Staff are suitably qualified in first aid to enable them to appropriately treat children with minor injuries. They do obtain prior consent from parents for emergency advice and treatment.

Daily indoor activities help children develop physical skills and promote a healthy lifestyle. They make good use of the school playground and children gain confidence, test out their coordination and organisation skills in team games, such as football. A large variety of outdoor equipment, such as bats and balls and skipping ropes are taken into the playground.

Children understand the importance of having regular drinks to stay hydrated, as they help themselves to the jugs of water available at each session. There are two members of staff have undertaken a food hygiene training. Children enjoy nutritious snacks and written menus indicate children have a good choice of fresh foods and fruit. Snack times are happy social occasions where children relax and enjoy each other's company and good manners are promoted. The children's dietary requirements are met well as staff work with parents in finding out their child's requirements and respectfully follow these.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a welcoming and stimulating environment. The room is organised appropriately to allow children to access different play areas. Children's art work is displayed around the room indicating a seasonal theme. They confidently choose from a wide range of toys and equipment that are age appropriate. Children develop independence as equipment is easily accessed on low tables, open cupboards or at floor level around the room. Children confidently ask for toys that are not out and are encouraged to tidy away before getting out another game. The resources are clean, safe and well maintained to ensure the children's safety.

Children move around in a safe environment where risks are identified and minimised. Staff become aware of maintenance requests on the building and facilities and are vigilant when children and visitors enter or leave the club. Children are aware of the procedures when leaving their classrooms and there are effective procedures for signing children in and out of the club. Children who are collected from various schools in the local area have a good understanding of safety procedures when walking and confidently explain to visitors why they wear florescent clothing on route. They have opportunities to practise fire drills, reminding them what to do in the event of a fire or an emergency evacuation. However, the fire log lacks detail of how drills are carried out. There is a safe procedure in place for the collection of children. Furthermore, there is a lost children's policy and a visitor's book in place to promote safety. Children are aware of their boundaries when playing inside and outside in the playground.

Children's welfare is protected because staff have a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse. A detailed child protection policy is in place in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board. Staff access on going training and the manager cascades relevant information to the staff to keep them updated. The safeguarding policy includes procedures in the event of an allegation made against staff.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children talk with great enthusiasm about their experiences in the club and have fun mixing with children from different schools. There are good relationships throughout the setting producing a harmonious and happy environment. This increases the children's sense of trust and friendships. Older children take delight in looking after younger children, helping them to settle and become confident. Regular new themes are introduced and children are motivated in a good balance of adult and child led opportunities. Activities in the club follow a weekly programme and staff support children well. They encourage children to read for pleasure and choose from a good range of books in the quiet area. Children are confident to put on a show whilst others listen.

Children play board games with staff which encourages turn taking. They decorate biscuits and cakes, prepare their own pizzas, make decorations using plaster and moulds, dress up and design bracelets to wear. Furthermore, they participate in a large amount of arts and crafts, regularly cutting and sticking using junk modelling. Children talk positively about their experiences during the session when their parents come to pick them up.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children gain awareness of their local environment and the diversity of the wider world through a variety of equipment that promotes positive images. The staff organise activities around the Jewish custom and celebrate the different festivals. Children are clear about their boundaries and expectations which are explained to them and applied consistently, for example, they are asked to share and take turns and minor disputes are resolved quickly by the staff who are good role models. Staff praise children's efforts and achievements and certificates are given to children who display positive behaviour. This promotes their self-esteem and confidence.

Children benefit from the friendly relationships the staff develop with parents. They share information on arrival regarding routines and their children's likes and dislikes to provide consistency and care for all children. There is a complaints procedure in place and parent questionnaires and comments enable the staff to meet the child's individual needs and ensure the children have fun in the club. Furthermore, a notice board and regular newsletters keep parents up to date with activities and regulation.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

The operational manager and the manager are committed to improving the quality of care they provide for children. The operational manager who oversees two sites attends training and short courses, such as undertaking assertiveness, introduction to autism, engaging with parents and team building. Staff attend regular staff meetings, training and work well as a team. They are all aware of the children's individual needs and any recent developments. Effective recruitment and vetting procedures ensure children are well protected and they understand that unvetted staff are not left alone with children. Staff are qualified, enthusiastic and organise areas of play before the children enter the club. They pick up from the local schools and wear clothing which displays the club's logo helping children to easily identify them when they arrive

at school. They follow a structured routine and there is an operational plan in place, demonstrating that staff regard the well-being of all children.

Comprehensive policies are in place, which contributes to the safety and well-being of children being cared for. However, the club has changed ownership and name and some policies and information are still under review and not changed over to the new registration. Overall, the provision meets the needs of the range of the 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 by 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):

- add more detail to the fire log when undertaking a fire drill
- reorganise policies and information regarding the club effectively.

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