

All Kids After School and Holiday Club

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

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

All Kids Ltd is an out of school club and holiday club that is one of three settings run by All Kids Ltd. It was registered in 2007 and operates from a designated room and the school hall in Escotts Primary School in East Grinstead, West Sussex. A maximum of 32 children under eight years may attend the club at any one time.

It is open each weekday from 14.40 to 18.00 during term times and from 08.00 to 18.00 during school holidays. The children have access to the school field and playground for outdoor play. Children attend from the primary school and the local community. The out of school club makes provision for children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and also children who speak English as an additional language.

There are six staff, two are qualified and one is working towards a recognised qualification. There is a pool of staff to call on.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

On arrival children receive a drink and a biscuit to give them a boost of energy after their demanding day at school. The environment is clean and staff employ good routines and procedures that prevent the spread of infection. Staff check all areas for cleanliness before the children arrive. Staff are good role models ensuring children learn the importance of washing hands before eating or preparing food.

Children enjoy a range of savoury sandwiches such as cheese, ham or chicken. They also have a choice of fruit. Each child has their own water bottle that is kept topped up so that when they go outside they always have plenty to drink to prevent dehydration. Children know the routines and clear away dirty plates after snack and place them in the kitchen to be washed.

Children love the outdoors and enjoy sitting together in the school grounds to have picnics. They play team games such as baseball, football and rounders. Plenty of fresh air and physical play contribute to children's good health.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children play in a bright and well laid out environment. There are posters and useful information for parents that make the room welcoming. A good range of toys and resources are easily accessible allowing children to make independent choices. These are safe, in good condition and suitable for the ages of the children attending.

The premises are secure and staff use a daily check list to ensure all areas are safe before the children arrive. This ensures any potential hazards are identified and minimised. All activities are risk assessed and guarantee children's safety. There are secure systems in place for the collection of children. There is a minibus and walking collection service from local schools and all necessary steps are taken to ensure safety on these journeys.

Staff have a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse. They know where to get advice and follow clear procedures if they have any child protection concerns about a child in their care. This promotes and safeguards children's welfare.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are keen to attend the club and are very happy, confident and independent. They play in a busy but relaxed atmosphere where they learn important social skills. Children of different ages learn to play together and respect each other's level of ability. They take turns to be bowler when playing baseball and staff praise children for throwing the ball well. Children's comments about the club show how much they enjoy their time and especially like to make new friends. Good relationships are evident as staff and children chat, joke and play together. Staff are attentive and spend all their time ensuring every child has a wonderful time.

Children enjoy a very good range of activities that are fun and appeal to all ages. They enjoy board games such as scrabble, make their own pizzas, make camps and have 'water fights'.

Children enjoy the freedom to choose activities they enjoy. When tired, children can relax with a book or just socialise with friends. There are many art and craft activities such as making picture frames, painting and drawing. They enjoy cardboard box challenges that encourage creativity, sharing and cooperation.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Staff set a good example by showing respect for children and adults alike. Children notice this and respond in the same way. Staff challenge discriminatory comments and explain that all children are welcome and all are valued for the contribution they make. This ensures children learn to accept and value diversity.

Children know the routines and staff are clear about the expectations of behaviour. Good relationships are evident between different age groups. Staff are consistent when managing behaviour and give support where needed. Children respond well when staff remind them of the rules within the setting.

Parents receive good information about the provision. They receive a welcome letter that outlines the service offered. Staff are friendly and chat to parents at collection time to ensure they receive all necessary information. Written policies and procedures are available on request.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

All staff have experience of working with children and all have appropriate checks to ensure they are suitable to work with young children. Staff organise space well to ensure children gain fully from all activities. Deployment of staff is effective and ensures good supervision at all times. Recruitment and induction is effective and means that suitable, experienced and qualified persons look after children. Staff have a very good understanding of their role and spend their time focussed on the children.

Staff have the opportunity to attend training and this ensures they are up to date with current practice. All required documentation is in place and well maintained. This ensures the safe management of the setting in order to promote children's welfare. Written policies and procedures reflect practice but some lack detail and are not easily available to parents without asking. The provision meets the needs of the range of 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 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):

- review policies and procedures to ensure all relevant information is included and make these easily available to parents

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