

Explosion The Altogether Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting	Childcare on non-domestic premises

Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Description of the setting

Explosion The Altogether Club opened in 1996. It operates from The Retrace Centre and the school hall at Sutton Road Primary School, in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. There is also a secure outdoor play area. The club serves the school and also children from the local community, if places are available.

The setting is on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is registered to provide care for 20 children from three years to under eight years. There are currently 39 children on roll who attend for a variety of sessions. At present there are no children on roll from the early years age group. There are 22 children on the compulsory part of the Childcare Register and 17 children on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register. The club also supports children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Though there is a steep flight of steps from the school building, the setting is accessible from the outside of the building by ramp for adults and children with disabilities. It operates from Monday to Friday during term time, with a breakfast club from 08.00 until 08.50, for children within the school, and an after school session from 15.15 until 17.45. Until recently there has been a holiday club run from 08.00 to 17.45 during the school holidays, but this has now been suspended due to lack of demand and pending the appointment of staff.

The club employs three full-time staff who work with the children and are suitably qualified. One has a Level 3 and one a Level 2 qualification and is currently completing Level 3. The third has a certificate in play work. The club receives support from the Nottinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and works in partnership with the school in which it is situated.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Staff at the setting demonstrate that they have a suitable knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Though new to her post, the setting leader was able to demonstrate her suitable knowledge of the documentation required and that the majority of the required policies and procedures were in place and being reviewed, with the exception of the requirement to notify Ofsted of relevant matters, specifically the change of person in charge of the setting and that there should be a named deputy who is able to take charge in her absence.

The appropriate checks have been made to assess suitability of staff to look after and work with the children. However, records are not readily available within the setting, of the information used to assess suitability. Staff are aware of child protection procedures and understand the responsibility to take forward any concerns; demonstrating that a recommendation from the previous inspection has been suitably addressed. However, a designated person has not been appointed within the setting to take the lead responsibility for safeguarding children and liaising with statutory children's services agencies as appropriate. All parts of the premises intended to be used for childcare are safe, secure and suitable for purpose. Toys, play materials and equipment are of suitable design and condition,

and help to provide a stimulating environment for children. Staff have a sound knowledge of safety issues and how to minimise any risks, hazards and ensure children's safety when on outings, again demonstrating that a recommendation from the previous inspection has been successfully addressed. However, the setting leader was unable to produce evidence that an appropriate first aid certificate had been completed. Staff have a suitable understanding of how to promote children's good health. Records are in place to enable them to meet the requirements with regard to accidents and the administration of medicines and arrangements are in place to encourage children to be physically active and to eat healthily.

Through documentation and discussion the setting leader is able to demonstrate a suitable understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates knowledge of the information needed in order to meet the needs of each child and to ensure that everyone is included in all that the setting has to offer. Planning of a range of tasks is flexible in order to respond to children's interests and preferences and based on informal observations. A suitable range of resources and equipment is available for children to extend their learning independently. The setting leader is very new and demonstrates an enthusiasm for continuous improvement and her understanding of the need to put in place a system to fully check on the setting's effectiveness.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure there is a designated person within the setting to take the lead responsibility for safeguarding children and liaising with statutory children's services agencies as appropriate and who has attended a child protection training course within the last two years (safeguarding and welfare) 19/06/2009
- keep records within the setting of the information they have used to assess suitability to demonstrate to Ofsted that checks have been done (safeguarding and welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 19/06/2009
- present evidence that an appropriate first aid certificate has been completed (promoting good health) 19/06/2009
- improve knowledge and understanding of the requirements set out in the regulations. Set in place a procedure to notify Ofsted of relevant matters, specifically the change of person or persons in charge of the setting. Ensure there is a named deputy who is able to take charge in the absence of the manager. 19/06/2009

(also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register)

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (welfare of the children being cared for) 19/06/2009
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (changes to people). 19/06/2009

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (welfare of the children being cared for) 19/06/2009
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (changes to people). 19/06/2009