

Base 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 report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration whichever is the later, which require Ofsted or the provider to take action in Annex C.

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

Base Club was first registered in 1999. It is a privately owned out of school club, which uses the facilities of Broadmayne First School, in the village of Broadmayne, near Dorchester. The accommodation consists of the school hall and library, with use of the school playgrounds and playing field. The club serves the local community and is open to all children, although most members attend the host school.

The club is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The club is registered to care for up to 16 children aged from four to eight years at any one time. It also takes children up to the age of 12 years. There are currently 23 children on roll, but this does not include any children in the early years age group, because children of this age normally attend in the new year after their first term at school. No children were attending the club at the time of the inspection because of a bonfire celebration due to take place later that evening.

The three owners work with the children. Two have appropriate childcare and play work qualifications. One member of staff is close to achieving her qualification and other staff with suitable qualifications are available if needed. Staff have the necessary skills to meet children's needs, including the needs of children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. The club has full wheelchair access for the disabled and has close links with the host school.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Children attending the Base Club experience a variety of carefully planned and supported activities. Staff ensure that procedures for sustaining the children's welfare are fully supported by all the required policies and checks. Staff develop close links with parents and the host primary school. Parents express the view that the setting is particularly effective in developing the children's enjoyment and self-confidence. They also talk about the children's good social and physical development, expressing the view that these stem from the good team sporting activities enjoyed by children of different ages. All staff either work in the host school or in the adjacent pre-school. Because of this, they know the children well and are well placed to use available resources and facilities effectively to provide continuity in learning. The staff have good systems which enable children's views to be acted upon and ensure that activities interest and stimulate them. All the recommendations of the previous inspection have been addressed fully. Currently, however, children's progress and evaluations of the setting's effectiveness are not always recorded in sufficient detail to promote progress and improvement to best effect.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

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

Annex C: complaint/s made to Ofsted

This section of the report includes details of any complaint/s made to Ofsted when:

- we took action for the provider to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- we asked the provider to take action in order to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- the provider had already taken any necessary action to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register.

We will not report on any complaint where the provider met the requirements of the Early Years Register or did not require any action by Ofsted or the registered provider.

Detail of the complaint/s

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection.

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.