

Wise Owls Club

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Type of setting

Childcare on non-domestic premises

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Introduction

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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.

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Description of the setting

Wise Owls Club opened in 2007, and is one of four out of school clubs run by a private provider. It operates from the community rooms at Whitecotes Primary School in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. There is a secure enclosed outdoor play area. The premises are accessible to children and adults who may have disabilities. The out of school club serves the local area and surrounding villages. The setting opens five days a week from 3.30pm until 6.00pm during term time only. The club also runs a holiday play scheme from 8.30am until 6.00pm.

The setting is on the Early Years Register, and on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of 40 children from the age of three to under eight may attend the club at any one time. Children up to the age of 11 may also attend. There are currently 71 children on roll. Of these 17 are under eight years of age, and there are no children in the early years age group. Children can attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and also supports children who speak English as an additional language.

The club employs three full-time and one part-time member of staff who work with the children. All of the staff hold appropriate early years qualifications. Two members of staff are currently working towards a further recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from the local authority and is a member of the '4children' network and has strong links with the school.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Staff are suitably qualified, attend training and have Criminal Records Bureau clearance. Policies support inclusive practice and account is taken of different cultural backgrounds and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. A good range of enjoyable activities are planned for the children, and these are supported by some good quality resources. There are good policies and procedures in place to ensure that the safeguarding and welfare of the children are given high priority. There are strong links with the school which support the overall welfare and development of the children well.

Relationships with parents are good because they are kept well informed about the work of the setting through informative notice boards and newsletters. The club benefits from advice and guidance from the early years advisor from the local authority. The club is well managed and the staff work well as a team. The leadership makes good use of self-evaluation, has addressed the issues from the last inspection, and is well placed to maintain continuous improvement.

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