



Coombe Hill Kids Club & 7.50 Special Breakfast Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection Childcare

Type of care Out of School care

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?

Coombe Hill kids club and 7.50 special breakfast club has been open since January 2005. It operates from a porta-kabin in the grounds of Coombe Hill Primary school and only children attending the school can go to the club. Children have access to the porta-kabin, an outside playground, a wooded activity area and a swimming pool.

There are currently 30 children from 4-11 years on roll. The group opens from Monday to Friday from 15:15hrs to 17:45hrs, term time only.

Eight part time staff work with the children, five have childcare qualifications with two

other staff working towards a childcare qualification. The setting receives support from the local early years development and childcare partnership.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children play in a clean and well maintained environment. They are encouraged to follow good routines such as washing their hands before eating and after visiting the toilet. Children understand they need to do this to prevent the spread of germs.

Five staff currently hold valid first aid qualifications and written consent has been requested from all parents to take children to hospital in an emergency. This means children will receive appropriate care if there is an accident.

Children's health is maintained because staff have a good knowledge of children's needs and take account of parents wishes relating to allergies and food preferences. Those children attending the breakfast club receive a choice of healthy foods, which ensures they get a good start to the day. Children in the after school club have a healthy and nutritious snack which changes each day. A list of the six day rolling programme of snacks is displayed on the parents notice board. This contributes to children health and well being.

Children are able to access the outdoor area where they can climb and balance on the equipment provided by the school. The summer months sees children, who attend the after school club, swimming twice a week. This ensures children participate in physical activities to promote their health.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a clean, well maintained environment which has been organised for them to move around safely. They have easy access to a range of interesting and well maintained resources that are suitable for their ages and which provide challenge and stimulation.

Staff supervise children at all times to ensure they are kept from harm whilst playing at the club. Fire evacuation procedures are displayed, known to all, discussed with children and regularly practiced. This ensures children know how to leave the building quickly and safely. The club has a fire blanket but it is not hanging in an accessible place.

The staff conduct daily risk assessments of the areas used by children to ensure they always play in a safe environment.

Children are safeguarded because staff have attended child protection training and know the local procedures they must follow should they have a concern about a

child.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children enter the club eager to participate in the activities that staff have laid out for them. Toys and resources are kept in accessible trays and children can choose from a variety of things to do. For example, children use the paints and easels to create pictures which they dry and take home at the end of the session.

Staff plan a range of activities for the children and it is up to each child whether they choose to do these or play elsewhere in the club. Today, children made snowflake pictures using rollers, glue, paints, paper doilies and glitter. Examples of other activities planned consist of making clay objects, cookery, tie dying and making bird feeders. This ensures children have a variety of activities that provide stimulation and challenge.

Children use the outside playground for all types of ball games, group skipping sessions and for running around burning off energy. Children have developed friendships in the club with children from other classes and of different ages. The older children show consideration and care for the younger children. This helps all of them to develop confidence and self esteem. Staff are on hand to support children in their play and they are trusted and respected.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children play well together with resources that reflect people from different cultures and of all abilities. They celebrate the festivals of others throughout the year. For example, using chopsticks to eat noodles and sauces for Chinese New Year. This helps children to understand and respect other cultures. All children's individual needs are met within the club. Currently there are no children with special needs attending, but staff would welcome any child and adapt activities to meet their needs.

Children are well behaved, polite and considerate to staff and each other. Staff act as good role models to the children and the children have helped them devise rules for the club that everyone respects. Children are rewarded with stickers for showing kindness and consideration to each other, which helps to boost their self-esteem.

Parents can access a notice board in the club that displays information about the activities their children participate in. Menus are also displayed, together with the policies and procedures relating to the club. The club has devised a complaints procedure, but they do not maintain a complaints/concerns record book.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children are cared for by a team of staff who hold child care qualifications and who embrace many training opportunities. This ensures they are up to date with the latest child care practices. Comprehensive and effective recruitment and induction procedures are in place to ensure only suitable people are employed to work with the children. There are always sufficient staff on site to support the number of children attending.

Children in the club are cared for in a well organised environment. They receive good support through effective deployment and consistent implementation of the clubs policies, procedures and daily routines. Regulatory documentation is maintained and relevant information is kept on the children who attend. This supports their well being.

Overall the setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last inspection the group were found to be inadequate and eight actions were raised. Since then very good progress has been made.

Fire equipment and procedures have improved with smoke alarms in place and children regularly practicing fire drills. Daily risk assessments are undertaken by staff of all areas used by children to ensure their safety. New policies have been devised with procedures to follow if a child is not collected from the club or if any allegations are made against staff. A copy of the local child protection guidelines is now kept on site. These measures ensure children's well being.

Five members of staff have gained a qualification in first aid since the last inspection and this ensures accidents that occur in the club can be dealt with effectively. The club keeps details of all staff on site, which supports their well being. The attendance registers now show children and staff's time of arrival and departure, which ensures their safety.

Complaints since the last inspection

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.

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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):

- ensure the fire blanket is kept in an accessible place.
- maintain a complaints record.

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