

# The Village Kids Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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**Type of setting** Childcare on non-domestic premises

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## 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*.

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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.

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## Description of the setting

The Village Kids Club is privately owned and managed. It opened in 2004 and operates from the school hall of St Lawrence's Church of England Primary School in Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire. There are no issues which may hinder access to the premises. Children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. A maximum of 35 children aged under eight years may attend the setting at any one time. The club currently takes children from four years of age and also offers care to children aged eight years to 11 years. The setting is open Monday to Friday from 3.15pm to 6.00pm during term time and from 8.00am to 5.30pm during school holidays.

There are currently 92 children on roll. Of these 65 are under eight years and of these 20 are within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The setting is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

There are seven members of staff, including the manager, who work directly with the children. All of the staff hold appropriate early years and/or playwork qualifications. The setting is a member of the '4Children' Network and receives support from the local authority.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the quality of the provision is good.

Children enjoy spending time in a relaxed, inclusive and friendly environment, where staff get to know them well as individuals. They are involved in a good range of activities which are provided according to their interests and enhance their learning through play and conversation. The positive relationships established with parents and other professionals contribute towards children making good progress in their development. Staff regularly review their provision and attend ongoing training to increase their knowledge and maintain continuous improvement.

## What steps need to be taken to improve provision further?

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- develop further the system for seeking information from parents about children's interests and preferences on admission
- ensure planning clearly identifies how activities will promote individual children's progress towards the early learning goals
- develop the use of the outside play area to provide regular opportunities for children to investigate living things.

## **The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision**

Staff carry out annual and daily risk assessments to ensure that children play and learn in a safe environment, both inside and outside. Clear staff recruitment procedures check staff suitability to work with children. Staff have a good understanding of how to recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and the procedures to follow with concerns. Staff update their knowledge regularly through ongoing training. All this helps to protect children from harm. Thorough record keeping documents, policies and procedures are in place to guide staff practice. Highly qualified and experienced staff provide a flexible service for families and children who attend. They provide a welcoming environment in which children can choose to relax or be active, with access to a good range of well organised resources. Effective staff deployment provides good support for children's welfare and development. They get to know children as individuals, which means that all children's needs are well met. Staff help children develop a positive attitude towards people's differences by providing a good range of resources that reflect diversity and by setting a good example of how to respect everyone.

Staff promote positive relationships with parents and carers and supply detailed information through regular discussions, a parents notice board and newsletters. They use information supplied by parents to get to know about children, however, information on their interests and preferences is not gathered systematically to inform planning for their first sessions. Staff are aware of this and are working to develop this aspect of the provision. Staff establish good partnerships with the different schools staff to promote children's confidence and development and to exchange relevant information. This, together with the observations and assessments they make themselves, helps to promote children's good progress.

The club's self evaluation gives the manager a good understanding of the strengths and areas for development of the early years provision. Improvements made to date have had a positive impact on the overall quality of the early year's provision and the outcomes for children. The recommendations made at the last inspection have been fully implemented.

## **The quality and standards of the early years provision and outcomes for children**

Children quickly settle and soon begin to feel confident and secure in the relaxed, yet well organised, environment. They make their needs known and enjoy sharing experiences and ideas with staff, who are friendly and interested in them as individuals and put them at their ease. Children behave very well. They know what is expected through familiar routines and clear explanations. Staff remind children of the rules and their views are valued when agreeing codes of conduct for a harmonious group. Children receive regular praise and encouragement for effort and achievement, which helps boost their self-esteem.

Planning is securely based on the children's interests and achievements and helps

to guide staff in their delivery of the curriculum. However, despite identifying next steps for each child these are not clearly reflected within the planning process to keep a focus on children's individual and present learning needs. Children make spontaneous choices from the wide range of toys and equipment available and concentrate well on self chosen tasks and adult led activities. Children use language well to communicate, initiate conversations, describe what they are doing and organise their play. They solve problems as they build, construct and play games. Children enjoy playing games where they take turns, work as a team and use individual skills. For example, a group of children enjoy playing board games and display a range of skills as they follow instructions, use fine motor skills and calculate the scores. They use their imagination as they act out real life and imaginary situations with role play equipment and small world toys. For example, children enjoy drawing and cutting activities and use a variety of art materials to create door plaques. Children develop a good understanding of the world around them as they chat to adults and each other and take part in everyday activities. Children experience a good range of opportunities to access information and communication technology to support their learning, such as accessing games consoles, compact disc player and a variety of battery operated and programmable toys.

Children enjoy a healthy lifestyle. They practise good procedures for their own personal hygiene and learn to make healthy choices in what they eat through discussion and good examples set by adults. Children have daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise, with a good choice of equipment to help develop large muscle skills. For example, they participate in racing games, throwing and catching and enjoy playing group games with the parachute. However, opportunities for children to investigate and explore the features of objects and living things in the outdoor environment are not maximised. They learn about aspects of their own safety through planned topics which includes traffic awareness and safe routines for crossing roads, recognising hazards in the environment, and using equipment safely.

## Annex A: record of inspection judgements

### The key inspection judgements and what they mean

*Grade 1 is Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality*

*Grade 2 is Good: this aspect of the provision is strong*

*Grade 3 is Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound*

*Grade 4 is Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough*

### The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

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| <b>How well does the setting meet the needs of the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage?</b> | 2 |
| The capacity of the provision to maintain continuous improvement                                     | 2 |

### The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision

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| <b>How effectively is the Early Years Foundation Stage led and managed?</b>                          | 2 |
| The effectiveness of leadership and management in embedding ambition and driving improvement         | 2 |
| The effectiveness with which the setting deploys resources   | 2 |
| The effectiveness with which the setting promotes equality and diversity                             | 2 |
| The effectiveness of safeguarding  | 2 |
| The effectiveness of the setting's self-evaluation, including the steps taken to promote improvement | 2 |
| The effectiveness of partnerships  | 2 |
| The effectiveness of the setting's engagement with parents and carers                                | 2 |

### The quality of the provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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| The quality of the provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage | 2 |
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### Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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| <b>Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage</b> | 2 |
| The extent to which children achieve and enjoy their learning    | 2 |
| The extent to which children feel safe                           | 2 |
| The extent to which children adopt healthy lifestyles            | 2 |
| The extent to which children make a positive contribution        | 2 |
| The extent to which children develop skills for the future       | 2 |

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## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

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