

The Playstation

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting	Childcare on non-domestic premises

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Introduction

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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.

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

The Playstation opened in August 2001 and is managed by a voluntary management committee. It operates from rooms within Gibside School, a school for children with varying special educational needs and/or disabilities, including challenging behaviour. There is access to enclosed outdoor playgrounds. The group is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of 20 children may attend at any one time. There are currently 26 children on roll, all of whom are over the age of 5. The setting is open Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 6 pm, during term-time only. The children who attend come from the host school which takes children from a diverse geographical area within Gateshead, offering a return transport service at the end of each session.

The group employs 10 members of staff who work directly with the children. All of these except one is qualified to level 3 in an appropriate qualification.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Experienced, and skilful staff have appropriate systems in place overall for the support of children's individual needs. Suitable vetting and recruitment procedures are in place to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. Resources, such as toys, and arrangements for staffing meet requirements. Managers have developed an ethos of play and free choice that complements school life so that children can receive different opportunities in the club.

However, weak self-evaluation of the provision has resulted in some aspects of practice relating to risk assessments, safeguarding policies and information for parents, not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Written information prepared for parents contains examples of some policy documentation but does not include written statements about safeguarding or full details of Ofsted's current address. This is a breach of the legal requirements. Leaders, however, are passionate about addressing the issues and alongside the positive partnership with the school and a willingness to seek external support, there is satisfactory capacity to improve.

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:

- develop and implement a written safeguarding children policy with regard to the Local Safeguarding Children Board (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) 01/09/2010
- conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly – at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises (Suitable premises, environment and 01/09/2010

- equipment).
- ensure all the required information including the details for contacting Ofsted are made available to parents (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare)

01/09/2010

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 (Arrangements for safeguarding children) 01/09/2010
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Suitability of premises and equipment) 01/09/2010
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- ensure written statements of safeguarding procedures and Ofsted's address are made available to parents (Provision of information). 01/09/2010

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 (Arrangements for safeguarding the children being cared for) 01/09/2010
- take action as specified in the compulsory section of the report (provision of information). 01/09/2010