



Bridge Children's Services LTD

Inspection report for early years provision

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| Type of care | Sessional 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?

Bridge Play Centre was registered in January 2000. It operates from the sports pavilion situated in Ashton playing fields in Woodford Bridge in the London Borough of Redbridge.

A maximum of 20 children between the ages of 5 and 8 years may attend the Out of school club at any one time. Children up to the age of 11 also attend. Children with special needs are supported.

The club operates from 15:15 to 18:15 from Monday to Friday during school term

times and from 08:00 to 18:15. Monday to Friday during school holidays. The number of children on roll varies.

There are currently 4 permanent staff members who work with the children. The manager has a level 3 qualification and a team of staff, at least half of these have appropriate early years qualifications.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are involved in keeping their environment tidy, staff are good role models as children take their lead. At the end of the session they help to tidy the toys away. Staff promote good routines of personal hygiene for children. Children are reminded to wash their hands before they have their lunch. As the children come out of the bathroom one of them said 'I wash my hands to get rid of the germs'. Before the children sit down for lunch the staff wipe down the tables to ensure they are clean and hygienic.

Fresh drinking water is available for children at all times. Children bring a packed lunch and parents are advised on what to give the children and how to keep it fresh.

Children enjoy regular physical activities using a partitioned area of the hall and the safe secure outside play area to run, jump and play ball games.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children's safety is promoted through good systems for identifying risks. Regular checks are carried out on the environment and the equipment used. Children understand the need for rapid emergency evacuation; they behave well and comply with the requests of staff.

Children are protected by clear procedures to ensure that staff and volunteers that may not have been vetted are supervised at all times. Children are supervised at all times. They are protected by the staffs sound knowledge of procedures to follow if they have concerns. However, the Child protection statement does not include contact names and telephone numbers for the local police and social services.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children form firm friendships with each other; they are happy and settle well. New children are greeted by staff and helped to select activities and play materials that interest them. Effective questioning from staff help children to chatter about the Halloween activity. Children excitedly told the inspector that they are going to make

witches' hats and skeletons after lunch.

Children's activities are planned. Their age, development and interest are considered and the children also have an input. The children enjoy a wide range of activities to develop their physical skills. Resources are pre-selected but there are opportunities for children to explore, investigate, to choose resources and activities that interest them.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children are generally well behaved; children are reminded of the rules and they know what is expected from them. Children are starting to understand responsibility and care of others when older children 'buddy' the younger. Children feel welcome and valued. Children with special needs are strongly supported. Staff implement different strategies to enable children to participate fully during the sessions.

Children are developing a sense of the wider community by planned events and activities. Parents are welcomed and information is obtained to ensure consistency of care for children while at the club. However the complaints procedure does not include how parents can contact Ofsted. Parents are kept informed of their children's well being by the key workers.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

The club's policy and procedures ensure that staff are vetted and qualified to work with children. Children are occupied and engaged in a good range of play activities during their time at the club. Written agreements with parents and personal records are held for each child. Effective registration methods are implemented.

The setting is meeting the needs of all the children for whom it provides care

Improvements since the last inspection

The Manager has a level three qualification in Play work and 50% of the staff has an early year's qualification to ensure the children's needs are met effectively.

Children are assigned a key worker to ensure children are supported and for parents to know who to go to when they want to find out information about their children's day.

The main hall is organised in to areas, with access to other rooms and outside area and ensures the group size does not exceed 26. This allows children to be able to move freely and comfortably around the club.

The toilet facilities have been replaced which ensures better hygiene arrangements.

The club has public liability insurance and this is displayed.

A sick child policy has been devised to ensure staff to act promptly and inform parents if their children are unwell. The complaints procedure, which is displayed has the name and phone number for Ofsted, however in the operational procedure this information is missing.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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):

- Make sure the Child protection and Complaints procedure contains information on who to contact.

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