

Barnehurst Breakfast And After School Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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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

Barnehurst Breakfast and After school club opened in November 2010. It operates from Barnehurst Infant School in Northumberland Heath, Erith in the borough of Bexley. All children currently on roll attend Barnehurst Infant and Junior schools. Children are collected from school by a member of staff. The club opens each weekday during school terms from 7.30am until 8.45am for breakfast and from 3.15pm until 6pm for after school care. The club has access to the main school hall, kitchen with multi-purpose area, an extended services room and a secure outdoor area.

The club is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of 30 children aged from four years to under eight years may attend at any one time. Children aged from eight to 11 years also attend. They are included in the overall numbers. The club currently has six children on roll. There were no children in the early years age group on roll at the time of the inspection.

The manager and a minimum of one member of staff work with the current number of children on roll. Additional staff are available if needed. All staff have relevant qualifications. The manager has a level 4 Early Years and Childcare qualification and is studying for a degree in Early Childhood and Youth.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Barnehurst Breakfast and After School Club has had no children in the early years age group on roll since registration. Although no children in the Early Years Foundation Stage are due to start in the near future, the manager and staff show a clear commitment to meeting the needs of children in this age group. They have a sound understanding of the safeguarding policy and know their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe from harm. Staff have planned how they will use existing arrangements for information sharing with parents of older children, together with procedures for keeping the premises safe and secure, to meet the specific requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The club has developed policies, procedures and the required records to promote children's good health in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This includes forms to record accidents or the administration of medicines.

Staff have a sound understanding of the importance of an inclusive environment. They have given careful thought to the steps they will take to meet the needs of individual children in the early years age group. This includes talking to children and parents about interests outside the club and using first-hand observations to offer experiences that build on these interests and support children's individual development and learning. They have considered how they can provide a balance of activities led by adults and those freely chosen by children within the aims of a breakfast and after school club. Staff are prepared to support children's personal, social and emotional needs. They have a sound understanding of positive behaviour management, have developed a transition policy to support children in the move between school and the club, and plan to appoint a key person for

children who are still in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Resources are suitable and staff plan to expand these further to meet the needs of children in the early years age group. The attached outdoor area, set within the infant school grounds, is suited to the younger age group. Staff understand the need to conduct regular risk assessments, indoor and outdoors to take account of the needs of younger children.

The manager is keen to drive improvement. She provides clear direction for the staff in preparing to meet the needs of children in the early years age range. Future plans indicate that the club has capacity to improve. This includes plans for the first full self-evaluation of the quality of provision since registration. This gives attention to including parents, children and staff to inform the review and influence plans for future 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

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