

# The Hollow Lane Club

Inspection report for early years provision

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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.

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 Hollow Lane Club is run by a committee and first registered in 2005. The club uses a range of indoor and outdoor areas and equipment at the Ellen Tinkham Special School. During term time the club runs from 3.30pm to 6pm every Monday and Tuesday and from 10am to 4pm on one Saturday per calendar month. The club also has a holiday play scheme for 12 days over three or four weeks in the summer. The holiday sessions accept siblings of enrolled Ellen Tinkham children and other local children with special needs and/or disabilities, particularly those referred by therapists. The clubs are registered for a maximum of 30 children between the ages of three and eight years, although they also accept children up to the age of 19 years. There are currently no children under five years enrolled at any of the sessions. There are 10 members of staff for the after school and Saturday sessions all of whom are qualified to NVQ Level 3. There are normally five members of staff at each session. The club is on the Early Years Register, and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The club has the use of all the facilities of the school and is very well equipped to cater for children from three to eight as well as the older children. It provides highly personalised support depending on the needs of the children and their safety, care and welfare are of the utmost priority. The activities, equipment and visits provided for older children would also benefit any children under five who enrol in the future. The club liaises closely with the school so that both are aware of any new problems or achievements. The staffing is generous and they are well qualified. The club has made important improvements since the last inspection. It thoroughly evaluates what it offers and strives always to provide a stimulating environment and varied experiences. As a result, parents and carers of the older children currently enrolled are delighted with how well the club helps their children to enjoy their learning.

## **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