

Ecclesall Kids Club(Junior)

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

Ecclesall Kids Club (Junior) was registered in 1995 and is run by a committee. The club operates from the dining room and school hall of Ecclesall Church of England Junior School in Sheffield. Children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area. A maximum of 46 children aged under eight years may attend the club at any one time. The club currently takes children from four years of age and also offers care to children aged eight to 11 years. The club is open Monday to Friday from 7.45am to 8.35am and from 3.15pm to 5.45pm in term time only. It also operates from 8.30am to 5.45pm in school holidays.

There are currently 86 children on roll, of these 49 are aged under eight years. There are no children attending who are within the early years age range. The club is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

There are four members of staff who work directly with the children. The manager holds a degree level qualification, two hold a qualification at level 3 and two hold a qualification at level 2 all in early years. The club has access to further trained and qualified staff as required. The club receives support from the local authority.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage are met. The manager and her staff are well qualified and experienced for their roles. There are appropriate vetting and recruitment procedures to make sure that all staff are suitable people to work with children and to protect them from harm and neglect. There are well established and appropriate procedures for assessing risk through daily checks of the premises and for outside visits. The club has a wide range of appropriate policies to manage children's behaviour and promote positive outcomes. These are updated regularly and systematically shared with staff. Record keeping, for example of children's attendance and the administration of medicine, is well maintained.

The leadership is reflective and has appropriate procedures to evaluate the quality of its work and of the activities and experiences they offer to support children's learning and development. This demonstrates the club's capacity for continuous improvement. All staff contribute to self-evaluation and planning for further improvement. As a result, the club has effectively addressed the recommendations from the last inspection. For example, they now provide a wide range of healthy snacks during the sessions. The club works closely with a range of local and national providers and associations to support children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Policies support inclusive practice and account is taken of different cultural backgrounds. The club plans a broad range of activities to meet the learning and development needs of all children. This is based on regular assessments of children's development from observations and information from parents and carers. The club provides activities to promote all areas of learning. In particular,

they offer opportunities through visits to places of interest, particularly in the holiday club.

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