

Penrith Out of School Club Limited

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

Penrith Out of School Club Limited is run by a limited company and was registered in 2004. It is located within the grounds of Beaconside Junior School in Penrith. It operates from a single pre-fabricated building which incorporates a play room, a quiet room and associated facilities. The club has access to the school's playground and playing field. The club is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm. The club also operates Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm during school holidays.

A maximum of 32 children aged between three years and under eight years may attend the club at any one time. The club also offers care for children aged eight to 11 years. There are currently 105 children on roll of these 53 are under eight years. There are no children attending who are within the early years age range. The club is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The club supports children with special education needs and/or disabilities.

There are eight members of staff who work directly with children, of these five have a qualification at level 3 in Early Years and two have a qualification at level 2 in Early Years.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are met. The manager and her staff are warm and welcoming to children, parents and carers. They provide a pleasant environment and demonstrate a positive attitude to inclusive practice. Equality and diversity is effectively promoted throughout all aspects of the setting. Staff undergo a rigorous selection and vetting procedures prior to employment to assess their suitability to work with children. They have a secure understanding of the setting's safeguarding procedures including their role in acting on any concerns. They access and update relevant training on a regular basis, for example safeguarding, first aid and food hygiene. The setting has addressed the recommendations from the last inspection report. For example, a record of visitors helps to maintain children's safety and comprehensive and inclusive policies and procedures are available for parents. Staff undertake daily risk assessments of the indoor and outdoor area to maintain a safe and secure environment. Detailed risk assessments for outings are also in place. Staff display a good awareness of planning a variety of experiences to support children's learning and development in all areas of learning. For example, physical activities, arts and crafts and board games are popular choices. Staff are able to undertake accurate observations and assessments to monitor children's progress. Clear procedures are in place for staff to link closely with parents, carers and other professionals to meet children's individual requirements. They also effectively identify strengths and areas for improvement within their practice and provision which promotes the setting's continuous 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