

# Little Manor Play Project

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

Little Manor Play Project is run by Aston-Mansfield, which is managed by a committee. It has been registered since 1999 and operates from a community centre with access to six playrooms and a fully enclosed garden for outside play. It is situated in the Manor Park area of the London borough of Newham and serves the local community. The breakfast club opens five days a week, term time only from 8am to 9am. The after school club opens five days a week, term time only from 3pm to 6pm and the play scheme opens five days a week during school holidays only from 8am to 6pm.

The setting is registered on the Early Years Register and both part the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to offer care up to 30 children, 12 of whom can be in the early years age range. There are currently no children in the early years age range on roll. The setting is able to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language.

Eight staff work with the children in the setting, four of whom hold early years qualifications.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The setting's management team demonstrates through discussion and documentation, that they have an excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the statutory legal requirements. They understand the importance of providing an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and children's individual needs are met through regular consultation with parents. They are able to demonstrate through discussion, documentation and training, a clear understanding of what to do if there is a safeguarding concern for a child at the setting. Comprehensive safeguarding and complaints policies are in place and all parents receive a copy of these at registration in their handbook. The setting is safe and secure, with risk assessments in place, which are evaluated and reviewed regularly. All staff have fully enhanced disclosures and the numbers are kept on file to verify they are suitable to work with children. Public liability insurance is in place and is updated each year.

The setting demonstrate a very good understanding of how they will make sure the everyday care and welfare routines of children are met. The management and staff have a very clear understanding of the importance of working in partnership with the parents, carers and other professionals looking after children. The manager explains how setting would work with parents to obtain information about children's likes, dislikes and interests so that they will be able to meet their individual needs. Highly effective systems are in place to gather information from parents about their child upon admission and they would be kept fully informed about their child's progress at the end of each session. The setting would encourage parents to contribute to their child's learning assessment profile.

The setting promotes an extremely healthy lifestyle with the children. They have achieved their healthy eating award with the local authority. They promote a healthy lifestyle through the provision of healthy food, drinks, regular exercise and fresh air. Appropriate numbers of staff hold valid first aid certificates. All documentation is in place for recording accidents and any medication to be administered. The manager describes how they would implement very effective boundaries and behaviour management strategies to help children understand what acceptable behaviour is.

There will be a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities available in a relaxed and calming environment. The management team is able to demonstrate, through discussion, exciting activities to promote all areas of learning. An excellent balance of indoor and outdoor activities will provide children with lots of opportunities to make progress in all areas of their learning and development. They have an exemplary awareness of the assessment procedures to implement as part of monitoring children's progress and identifying their next steps in learning.

The setting is aware of the importance of reflecting on the service they provide through self-evaluation and consistently looking at ways to improve and identify their strengths and any areas for further development. The staff team keeps up to date with early years legislation as they attend regular training courses. The setting demonstrates an excellent capacity to maintain 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