

The Listening Ear & Caring Hands After School Club

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Introduction

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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 Listening Ears and Caring Hands (L.E.C.H) After School Club registered in 2001. It operates from the main community hall in Christ Evangelical Church, Leytonstone, in the London Borough of Walton Forest. Children attending the club are collected from two local primary schools. The club is open each weekday from 3.30pm until 6pm during term time only. It is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is registered to care for 16 children aged between five and eight. At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group. The club employs five staff, three of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Staff have an appropriate awareness of safeguarding children and what to do if they have any child protection concerns. There are appropriate systems in place to check that staff have been cleared as being suitable to work with children. Risk assessments are in place to check that hazards to children are minimised. There is not always a first aid qualified member of staff on the premises. This is a breach of requirement and means that children may not be treated appropriately in case of a minor injury.

Staff demonstrate a sufficient awareness of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. For example, they describe how they would plan and offer suitable activities based on children's interests. They are also aware of the importance of making observations of children's progress to inform the planning process. Staff do not plan to provide children with access to outside play facilities daily. However, they state they would take the children to the local park for fresh air and physical exercise. Staff are able to provide a limited but suitable range of resources. These include some that reflect positive images of diversity.

Through discussion, it is clear that staff are not sufficiently ambitious about improving outcomes for children. This means that the ability to sustain continuous improvement is weak. Self-evaluation fails to identify the strengths and weakness of the club and therefore staff do not set targets effectively. Not all recommendations from the previous inspection have been addressed in full.

Staff demonstrate a fair understanding of how to build partnerships with parents and carers to meet children's individual needs. They state they would find out about the children's routines, any medical or dietary needs and any parental preferences to provide continuity of care. They demonstrate a good understanding of the importance of working in partnership with the local schools. They explain their systems for obtaining and sharing information about individual children from teachers when they are collected by the club staff. This promotes a shared approach to children's care and learning.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure that there is at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate on the premises at all times when children are present (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 23/05/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 23/05/2012
- ensure that for every eight children for whom the childcare is being provided, at least one person who has attained the age of 18 cares for such children (Welfare of the children being cared for) 23/05/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 23/05/2012