

Little Folks Nursery and Out of 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

Little Folks Nursery and Out of School Club was re-opened in 2011 and is run by Mishi Nurseries Limited. It operates from dedicated rooms within a secondary school in Erdington, Birmingham. The children share access to a secure outdoor play area. The setting serves the local area and has strong links with the school.

A maximum of 60 children from three to eight years may attend the setting at any one time. The setting is open Monday to Friday during term time from 7.30am to 8.30am and 3pm to 5.45pm. During school holidays the group opens daily from 7.30am to 6pm. Children are able to attend for a variety of sessions. The setting is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

Seven practitioners are employed to work with the children, all of whom hold full and relevant level 3 qualifications. Of these, one practitioner holds Early Years Professional Status, and two other practitioners have gained the Foundation Degree. The setting is supported by the local authority.

At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

All documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the provision is in place. Documentation is organised, easily accessible and ready available for inspection. A comprehensive range of written policies and procedures are in place, and these are reviewed as appropriate. Management systems run very smoothly, and organisation is exemplary. Safeguarding is awarded highest priority, and ongoing in-house training ensures that all practitioners are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children. There is a strong commitment to ensuring children's safety, and thorough risk assessments are routinely conducted. The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose.

Through discussion the provider demonstrates that the service is fully inclusive. Practitioners have significant experience of caring for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and benefit from specialised training delivered by the Area Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Through discussion, the provider demonstrates that children who use English as an additional language are wholeheartedly welcomed. The staff team reflects the diversity of members of our society, and the club emphasises respect for cultural differences. An extensive range of toys, play materials and equipment is available. The provision enjoys full access to the sports hall, dining hall, soft play area, dance studio, fully equipped children's gym and library. Practitioners are dedicated to supporting children's learning and development. Learning journeys, play audits and evaluation forms are used to track children's development, maximise learning, and shape future plans.

The club works in partnership with others to promote optimum continuity of care, for example, the Leisure Centre, local Children's Centre, neighbouring schools and

library. Practitioners demonstrate a strong commitment to working in partnership with parents to contribute towards improvements in children's learning, well-being and development. Parents are fully encouraged to play an active role in the life of the provision. The management team are driven and passionate about their roles, and display an extremely positive approach towards continuous improvement. A culture of reflective practice enhances the quality of provision for all children.

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