

Lambeth Family Link 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

Lambeth Family Link After School Club registered in 2008. It is run by the Lambeth Family Link organisation from their premises in the London Borough of Lambeth. The after school club operates each weekday from 4pm until 7pm. Children have access to the main hall, toilet facilities and outdoor play space. The after school club is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of nine children under eight years may attend, who may all be in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection, there were no children in the early years age group on roll. There are 349 children on roll in the older childcare age range. Children up to 17 years old may attend. A team of five staff, excluding the manager is available to work with children. All staff have suitable childcare qualifications.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The registered person and manager demonstrate appropriate knowledge of how to safeguard children. There are policies and procedures in place and staff receive regular training on safeguarding issues. Consequently, management and staff are clear on procedures to follow in the event of a concern with regards to a child's welfare. The registered person and manager demonstrate appropriate knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. They are aware of how the requirements apply to out of school care. There are secure recruitment and vetting procedures in place to enable management to assess staff's suitability for their role and responsibility. However, the provider failed to notify Ofsted of a change to the person who is managing the provision. It is a legal requirement to do so. On this occasion, Ofsted does not intend to take further action. Because the manager is vetted through the organisation and demonstrates appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage the impact on children would be minimal. There are risk assessments for the premises and the numerous outings. These include thorough risk assessments of the swimming and the trampolining activities. These enable staff to create a safe and welcoming environment and to promote children's safety on outings.

Staff describe how they gather information about children's individual needs and routines. In addition, staff intend to collate in-depth information about any medical needs or requirements. They know how to gather information about children's starting points in their learning and development. These processes enable them to plan activities and play opportunities linked to children's interests and abilities. A wide range of play and learning opportunities is available, including cooking, musical activities and growing vegetables on the allotment. Staff describe how they seek the views of children, enabling them to adapt activities and play opportunities as is necessary. They know to encourage children to learn to respect and value others through discussion. Resources are available that provide positive images of many aspects of diverse society.

There are systems in place for management and staff to gather the views of

children and parents enabling them to be involved in the evaluation and decision-making. Staff attend training to keep their skills and knowledge up-to-date. However, none of the staff, including the manager, hold an appropriate, paediatric, first aid certificate. This is a breach of a specific legal requirement. Staff have previously completed first aid training and are able to demonstrate through discussion how they would deal with an emergency appropriately. Therefore, the impact on children would be minimal.

The registered person and manager recognise how important it is to work in partnership with parents to meet children's individual needs. They have good systems in place to share information with parents on an informal basis. They have a parents' forum that meets twice a year to discuss what is going well and any suggestions or amendments to the provision. The management demonstrates suitable striving for continuous improvement. There are procedures in place to work in partnership with other early years professionals. These enable staff to suitably support children and meet their welfare and learning and development requirements.

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 at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present. There must also be at least one person on outings who has a current paediatric first aid certificate. (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare)
- 09/07/2012

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:

- ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first aid qualification. (Welfare of the children being cared for) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 09/07/2012

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 for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. (Welfare of the children being cared for) 09/07/2012