

Fellview After School Club

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

Fellview After School Club opened in 1997 and is run by a management committee, the chair of which is the school head teacher. It operates from the school hall at Fellview Primary School, Caldbeck and uses the information, communication and technology room and reception area within the school. The school playing fields and pre-school playground are available for outdoor activities.

When operating, the after school club opens Monday to Friday during school term times. Sessions are from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. A maximum of eight children in the early years age group may attend at any one time, none of whom may be under three years. The after school club also offers care to children aged five years to 11 years. The after school club is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The after school club employs two members of staff with appropriate qualifications.

At the time of the inspection the club had no children in the early years age range on roll and has not operated since 2007.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The nominated person for the after school club demonstrates, through discussion, a clear understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in supporting children's care, learning and development. She explains how staff in this small setting get to know individual children and their parents very well. Through discussion and observation they identify children's interests and needs, which are then used to plan appropriate activities and opportunities. Records are kept of planning, with photographs and notes to document children's experiences and learning. A wide range of age-appropriate resources are available for children to choose from freely, such as construction sets, games, puzzles and drawing and painting materials. Regular adult-led activities are planned, including sewing, knitting and cooking. Children have plenty of opportunities to be active outdoors, using the adventure playground or playing rounders and football on the playing fields. They can choose to rest and relax on large comfy cushions in the quiet area indoors.

The nominated person demonstrates, through discussion and documentation, her secure understanding of the procedures for safeguarding children. Criminal Record Bureau checks are made on staff and recruitment procedures follow school guidelines. The after school club has the required policies in place which are available for parents and are updated in line with the school policies and procedures. The premises are assessed through the school risk assessments and these are adapted as necessary for the after school club. Parents and visitors are required to sign in and out and children are only collected by known adults with prior arrangement.

Partnerships with parents are built through regular discussions and communication. The nominated person discusses how information is collected about children's personal, medical and dietary needs when they first start.

Newsletters provide parents with ongoing details of the activities and events in which their children are participating. There is regular contact between the school staff and the after school club, so children's needs are consistently supported.

Behaviour management strategies are shared with parents and the school, to support children when necessary. The nominated person explains she is aware of providing equality of opportunities so that all children are included in the setting. Links to other agencies and professionals are available through the school. The after school club provides a range of healthy snacks and children are encouraged to cook and try their own foods.

Through discussion, the nominated person explains that the committee and staff meet regularly to review and evaluate the after school club. They look at the planning, parent feedback and children's ideas and comments to help identify areas for improvement. Following previous inspections, procedures for fire evacuation and the reviewing of policies were improved.

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