

Walsall Black Sisters Collective

Inspection report for early years provision

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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

Walsall Black Sisters Collective After School Provision was registered in 2010. It operates from the Wednesbury Road Centre in Walsall. It was established in 1996 and was originally sited at another venue in Walsall prior to opening at the Walsall Black Sisters Collective. The group has use of Unit 4 and Unit 5. Access to the building is via a courtyard and ramp into the main reception area.

A maximum of 16 children under eight years may attend the setting at any one time. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. The club also cares for children up to 14 years of age and this is registered by Ofsted on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register. The out of school provision is open Monday to Friday from 4pm until 6pm during term time only.

The after school provision employs four staff to work directly with the children. One member of staff holds a appropriate level 2 qualification and two members of staff including the manager hold a level 3 early years qualification. A mini-bus used to transport children to and from local schools and amenities. 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

Practitioner's demonstrate through discussion and documentation their understanding and knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how they support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Systems are in place for identifying children's starting points. This enables practitioners to assess the child's individual capabilities. Through observations and evaluations of activities children's individual needs are planned for. Children have opportunities to take part in art, crafts, outdoor play and team games to promote their enjoyment whilst at the setting.

The practitioner demonstrated through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if they had any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in their care. The written comprehensive policy for safeguarding includes the action to take and up-to-date numbers for Ofsted and local authority. Premises are safe and secure and risk assessments are undertaken on a regular basis to ensure children remain safe. All required policies are in place to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage, and these are reviewed and amended regularly.

Partnership with parents and carers are strong, as time is given at the end of the session to talk to parents. Partnerships with schools are built through sharing information to meet children's individual needs. Good processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and systems allow for staff to promote a culture of self-respect allowing children in the process of determining the boundaries for the setting. The setting provides a healthy snack for children on their return from school, for example, beans on toast, sandwiches and a selection of fresh fruit.

The practitioners have a commitment and drive to improve, ensuring they keep up-

to-date with changes in the Early Years Foundation Stage with training and putting this into their daily practice.

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:

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