

# The Branch (St Philip's Project)

91 Beeches Road, WEST BROMWICH, West Midlands, B70 6HG

## Inspection date

22/04/2014

Previous inspection date

13/02/2012

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

**This inspection:**

Met

Previous inspection:

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## The quality and standards of the early years provision

### The provision meets requirements

- The provider and staff fully understand their responsibilities in meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This means that all adults are aware of the provision's procedures to ensure that children are fully safeguarded.
- Staff demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. They are clear about using formative assessments as a means of monitoring the progress that children make and to ensure they make good progress given their starting points.
- Staff are committed to providing planned, purposeful play experiences that take account of the seven areas of learning. This is in order to support children's development effectively and complement what children already know and what they learn at school. The environment is appropriately resourced with a suitable range of various toys and equipment which are easily accessible.
- Partnerships with parents and other settings are strong. Good effective verbal communication, promotes continuity of care for children. Clear routines encourage children's independence effectively. Older children are keen to say what they like about the club and share how they are encouraged to keep themselves safe through regular fire drills.
- Arrangements for the provision of regular and healthy drinks, meals and snacks are clear with regard to individual dietary needs and preferences. Staff are good role models, there are clear boundaries and expectations that encourages good behaviour. The staff team have attended appropriate first-aid training, in order to manage any minor accidents and injuries.
- The staff are led and managed effectively. They are well qualified and work as a coordinated team. There is a successful system of employment, induction, supervision, appraisal and training for all staff to ensure their continued suitability and professional development.

## **Information about this inspection**

Inspections of registered early years provision are:

- scheduled at least once in every inspection cycle – the current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
- scheduled more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged inadequate
- brought forward in the inspection cycle where Ofsted has received information that suggests the provision may not be meeting the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage or where assessment of the provision identifies a need for early inspection
- prioritised where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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 whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector held discussions with staff and the provider to assess their knowledge and understanding of their role with regard to the requirements within the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and older children spoken to on the day.
- The inspector reviewed a range of documentation covering children's information, policies and procedures, daily records and risk assessments.
- The inspector looked at staff records, which demonstrate their suitability, including recruitment, vetting checks, ongoing reviews and training plans.

**Inspector**  
Kim Barker

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The Branch (St Philip's Project) was registered in 2003 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is situated close to the town centre of West Bromwich and is accessible to all children. It operates from a converted house, which is shared by other projects. There is an enclosed area available for outdoor play. The provision employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, all hold appropriate early years qualifications; one at level 4, four at level 3 and one at level 2. The provision is open five days a week. During school term times sessions are from 3.30pm until 6pm. During school holiday, opening hours are from 8am until 6pm. Children attend a variety of sessions. There are currently 46 children attending who are older than the early years age range. At the time of the inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age range. The provision receives support from the local authority.

### The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>
The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>

## What inspection judgements mean

### Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 3	Requires improvement	The provision is not giving children a good standard of early years education and/or there are minor breaches of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected within twelve months of the date of this inspection.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement action. The provision is failing to give children an acceptable standard of early years education and/or is not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected again within six months of the date of this inspection.
Met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider does not meet the requirements for registration.

## Inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	255205
<b>Local authority</b>	Sandwell
<b>Inspection number</b>	871570
<b>Type of provision</b>	
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 17
<b>Total number of places</b>	32
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	46
<b>Name of provider</b>	St. Philip's Project Committee
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	13/02/2012
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and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

Childminders care for one or more children where individual children attend for a period of more than two hours in any one day. They operate from domestic premises, which are usually the childminder's own home. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Out of school provision may be sessional or full-time provision and is delivered before or after school and/or in the summer holidays. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. Where children receive their Early Years Foundation Stage in school these providers do not have to deliver the learning and development requirements in full but should complement the experiences children receive in school.

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