

Buddies Childcare

8-10 Glendore, Weaste, Salford, Lancashire, M5 5EY

Inspection date	28/05/2014
Previous inspection date	24/03/2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- Staff with valid certificates in paediatric first aid are present at all times in order to deal with any emergencies of this type. Staff and the provider demonstrate knowledge of how to manage any concerns they may have about children's welfare and there are suitable policies and procedures for this.
- The premises and any other areas used for children's play are assessed to minimise any risk to children and there are suitable practical measures to keep children safe on the premises and on outings. Documentation to meet statutory requirements for supporting children's welfare is in place.
- The provider has a sound knowledge of the learning, development and assessment requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, in order to plan for children's learning needs. There are methods to assess and record children's progress.
- A range of resources is maintained to provide age-appropriate activities for children in the early years age range, both indoors and outside.
- The provider works in partnership with parents, along with other settings or agencies that support children, in order to provide continuity of care and learning.
- Evaluation of the childcare is sufficient to enable the provider to identify where improvements can be made. There are methods in place to ensure that staff receive coaching to improve personal effectiveness in order to support children's learning and welfare.

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 viewed the areas of the premises that are used for childcare and other outdoor areas that are used for children's play.
- Evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff and managers was checked, along with documents related to children's welfare and learning.
- Meetings were held with the owner of the provision, and the inspector also spoke to members of staff when appropriate.
- The inspector and the owner discussed the opportunities provided for children's learning and play, along with methods used for evaluating the provision.

Inspector

Jennifer Kennaugh

Full report

Information about the setting

Buddies Childcare was registered in 2004 and operates from a converted building in the Weaste area of Salford. It is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. Children have access to a large playroom and bathroom facilities. A communal play area to the rear of the property and a small yard on the premises are available for outdoor play. The after-school club 'Match stick' is open Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm, during term times only. The holiday club operates from Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm during the school holidays. There is also a session from 9am to 2pm term-times only for children aged two-, three- and four-years-old. Children can attend for a variety of sessions. The club employs 10 staff, of whom five hold early years qualifications at level 3 and one has an early years foundation degree. The childcare can also draw on staff from the mobile creche section of the business to provide cover if required. There are currently 44 children on roll and of these, 16 children are within the early years age range. The childcare supports children with special educational needs and those who speak English as an additional language. It receives support and advice from Salford Sure Start. At the time of the inspection, there were no children present in the early years age range.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	Met

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

Unique reference number	EY284408
Local authority	Salford
Inspection number	976549
Type of provision	
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	44
Name of provider	Fun4All CIC
Date of previous inspection	24/03/2011
Telephone number	0161 736 8688

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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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