

Downhill Centre

Killarney Square, Downhill, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR5 4AY

Inspection date	27/06/2014
Previous inspection date	22/03/2012

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

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The nominated person fully understands her responsibility to ensure that the setting meets the safeguarding and welfare and learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Recruitment, supervision and training for staff has a strong focus on safeguarding and child protection. All required documentation is in place, including written policies, to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting when operating.
- The nominated person has high aspirations for the setting and implements thorough procedures for monitoring, coaching and supporting childcare staff. Good practice is disseminated between the associated provisions to ensure children receive high quality care and teaching.
- There is a stimulating well-resourced environment which is safe, secure and well maintained in order to promote children's learning and protect their welfare.
- The nominated person describes how she would support children's emotional well-being through implementing a well-planned key-person system. This is to ensure that attachments are formed and children's care is tailored to meet their individual needs.
- The nominated person recognises that good partnerships with parents and external agencies are essential in order to meet children's individual needs and receive the support they need. She is able to speak confidently about how she will develop these when childcare resumes.

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 had a tour of the premises and viewed all areas that are used when caring for children.
The inspector held discussions with the nominated person to check her knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements and the learning and development requirements of the Statutory framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Evidence of the suitability of the staff was checked.
- The inspector discussed with the nominated person their procedures for self-evaluation and development of the provision.

Inspector

Lindsey Pollock

Full report

Information about the setting

The Downhill Centre was registered in December 2000 and is a committee run facility. It is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It operates from the former Downhill Primary School site in Sunderland. The setting has a large childcare area, toilets, kitchen, staff facilities and an outdoor play area. The group serves the local and surrounding communities. The setting is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm, all year round. The registered provider employs a core team of 24 staff who are available to work across their settings. All hold early years qualifications at level 3 and above. At the time of the inspection, there were no early years children on roll.

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	EY277356
Local authority	Sunderland
Inspection number	895192
Type of provision	
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	Sunderland North Community Business Centre Committee
Date of previous inspection	22/03/2012
Telephone number	0191 519 6722

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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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