

J.W Playclub

St. Wulstans RC Church, Church Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle-Under-Lyme,
Staffordshire, ST5 0EF



Inspection date	5 February 2015
Previous inspection date	30 September 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff provide interesting, well-planned activities for children, taking into consideration their interests. As a result, children are motivated to engage in learning through play.
- Children form positive relationships with staff. This is because staff are welcoming, friendly and caring towards the children.
- Parents are kept well informed of activities on offer at the club. They report how caring the staff are and how much their children enjoy attending.
- The manager identifies, through evaluation, ways to improve the quality of the club. Consequently, steps are taken to make improvements and meet the needs of children.
- Staff work well together, which means the organisation of the club is good. Staff set clear boundaries with the children. Consequently, children behave well and enjoy attending the club.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children's health is not fully promoted at snack time.
- The outdoor area is not utilised fully to enhance experiences for children.
- The manager does not always sufficiently focus staff supervision sessions on developing staff practice, on the drive towards outstanding practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- promote children's health fully by providing them with healthier snacks and encouraging children to make healthy choices
- develop the outdoor play area further and increase access all year round to enhance children's learning experiences of the natural world
- support staff development further by sharpening coaching sessions to focus on their practice, so that the quality of teaching is taken to the next level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in play areas.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager.
- The inspector looked at a selection of planning documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with children and the provider's self-evaluation form.
- The inspector spoke with children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Michelle McMaster

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

Children's interests and favourite things to do are captured by staff as they join the club. Staff use this information to plan activities that will engage and motivate children, and to support their learning and development. For example, children expressed an interest in an animated film. Staff used this interest to promote children's literacy development, by providing opportunities for them to practise singing songs from the film and explore words to increase their vocabulary and knowledge of text. Staff liaise with teachers from the schools children attend, to share information that will help them to extend children's learning. As a result, children make good progress in their learning and development. Staff provide a good range of activities indoors to promote children's learning and development across the seven areas of learning. The club recently has gained access to an enclosed outdoor play area. However, this area is not fully utilised all year round to promote children's understanding of the natural world.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

Staff are kind and caring towards children. There is an effective key-person system in place that encourages children to form positive relationships with staff. Consequently, children's emotional needs are met as they feel safe and secure at the club. Children's confidence and self-esteem develop well as staff provide encouragement to children for their efforts and achievements. This means children feel ready to take on new challenges as they learn. Staff make good use of the available large hall, and children have lots of opportunities to challenge themselves physically, in a variety of ways, to support their physical development. Good hygiene practice is encouraged as staff remind children to wash their hands before eating. Children are offered a snack during the session, and children's independence is promoted as they make choices of what to eat. However, although fruit is available, children choose healthier options, such as crisps, and are not encouraged to make the healthy choice.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The manager has a good knowledge and understanding of all requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has in place measures to keep children safe and ensures her staff are knowledgeable about how to safeguard children. There is a robust recruitment and induction process and all staff are vetted appropriately. The manager supports her staff who are working towards relevant qualifications, and demonstrates a commitment to improving experiences for children. The manager holds regular meetings with practitioners, including supervisions and annual appraisals. However, the focus of these sessions is not precise enough to raise the quality of practice to the very highest level.

Setting details

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Type of provision	
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	60
Number of children on roll	120
Name of provider	Jacqueline Williams
Date of previous inspection	30 September 2009
Telephone number	07916347186

The Club was registered in 2009. The club employs 11 members of childcare staff. Of these, seven hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens during term time, Monday to Friday, from 7am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm. It also runs a holiday club during school holidays and inset days.

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