

Railway Children at Brampton Children's Centre

Brampton Children's Centre, Chapel Avenue, Brampton Bierlow, Barnsley, S73 0XH

Inspection date

17 February 2015

Previous inspection date

12 July 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
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

- Children are very well behaved because staff give clear boundaries and instructions that help children understand what is expected of them.
- Children settle quickly into the club, develop good relationships with the staff, and make friends with other children.
- Staff use excellent teaching skills which extend children's own thinking and ensure they are offering challenge throughout the setting.
- The staff provide a stimulating environment which is well resourced to meet the varying needs of all the children.
- Staff meet children's physical and care needs well. Children benefit from keeping active when they play outside and having space to rest indoors.
- The manager and leader have systems in place to identify areas for improvement and work with staff to continuously develop their provision.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Links with other settings are not yet effective, therefore, staff miss opportunities to obtain the information they need to support children's learning even further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the current system for communicating with schools and other settings so that the sharing of information about children's learning is more consistent.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of staff practice and the impact this has on children's well-being. She involved the club's manager and team leader in this process.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club's manager and team leader.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including the club's safeguarding procedures, staff suitability records, children's records, and the club's self-evaluation processes.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Eleanor Proctor

Inspection findings

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

Staff have a very good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They observe children and get to know them well. Staff use what they know to plan a wide range of challenging activities that relate to children's interests. This continues to successfully build on the skills and knowledge children gain in school. For example, activities, such as board games, build on early numeracy and problem solving. Staff know when to offer support to help children think critically and extend their learning during play. For example, staff ask questions at just the right level for each child to get them thinking in an age-appropriate way. Children love the outdoor area and scream with delight as they chase each other around the various obstacles. They develop their physical skills as they climb on the climbing frame, jump over the tyres and balance on the wooden beams. Staff have developed a good relationship with parents and inform them of their child's day at the club. However, effective links with schools have not yet been fully established, meaning staff sometimes miss opportunities to enhance children's school learning within the club.

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

Staff know their key children well and spend time talking about past events. They provide photographs for the children to stick into their 'memorable moments' file and chat about what they have learnt. This friendly approach means children settle quickly into the club and form close attachments with the staff. Children learn how to be healthy and how to keep themselves safe. For example, staff teach children to wash their hands before snack and lunch time and encourage good hand washing techniques. Staff use clear instructions to tell children what to do, including explaining step by step what the children are going to do next. This ensures children know what is going to happen throughout the day and that they develop the confidence to do things by themselves. Staff make the most of lunchtime by engaging children in discussion about healthy food. This provides children with the skills to make healthy choices.

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

The manager and team leader have well-developed policies and procedures in place to ensure the club is safe and secure for children. They complete regular risk assessments of the environment. They are continually developing the club and have a system in place to identify what is working well and what needs to be developed further. They have made good progress since their previous inspection, addressing the recommendations raised. The staff meet with parents to gather information on children's interests to help form individual planning. The manager and team leader implement robust and effective procedures for recruiting suitable new staff, monitoring staff performance and supporting professional development needs. The manager has good systems in place to monitor training requirements for the team, consequently, the staff attend regular training and receive support from the local authority. Staff are well trained in safeguarding and child protection.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY421382
Local authority	Rotherham
Inspection number	880029
Type of provision	
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	66
Name of provider	Railway Children Day Care Limited
Date of previous inspection	12 July 2011
Telephone number	07867 571700

Railway Children at Brampton Children's Centre was registered in 2010. The nursery employs five members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The nursery opens from Monday to Friday 7.45am until 9am during term time and 7.45am until 6pm during school holidays.

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