

The Torch Club

Tedburn St. Mary School, 6 School Lane, Tedburn St. Mary, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6AA



Inspection date

10 March 2015

Previous inspection date

1 October 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Not met

Previous inspection:

Good

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The setting **does not meet legal requirements for early years settings**

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision does not meet requirements

- The committee does not meet several requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register requirements. These weaknesses put children's welfare at risk
- The committee does not ensure that staff who have not had background suitability checks do not have unsupervised access to children.
- The committee does not ensure that there is always a staff member, who has had suitable first-aid training, available to respond appropriately if required.
- The provider has not kept Ofsted informed of changes to the manager, committee and nominated person. This means that Ofsted does not know who holds responsibility for the club and children's welfare.
- Staff have a suitable awareness of child protection issues and understand the procedures to follow in order to promote children's welfare.
- Staff understand their responsibilities in maintaining the good health of children by promoting healthy lifestyles, nutritious diets and good hygiene routines.
- Staff have an appropriate knowledge of suitable behaviour management strategies, to help children understand the boundaries and expectations.

There were no children present 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 present, 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.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- ensure that adults who have not completed the necessary suitability checks do have unsupervised access to children
- ensure that at least one member of staff holds a suitable first-aid training certificate, to enable them to respond quickly and appropriately when necessary
- inform Ofsted of changes to adults connected to the setting, including the manager, provider and committee members, to ensure that Ofsted understand who maintains responsibility

To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register the provider must:

- implement effective systems to ensure the registered person, the manager and any person caring for, or in regular contact with, children; and any person who lives or works on the premises where childcare is provided (including on a voluntary basis): is suitable to work with children, must include obtaining an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first-aid qualification (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- inform Ofsted of the following: the appointment of a new manager of childcare on domestic or non-domestic premises; changes to the nominated person of a childcare provision (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- inform Ofsted of the following: the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any partner, director, senior officer or other member of the governing body (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).
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- ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first-aid qualification (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)
- inform Ofsted of the following: the appointment of a new manager of childcare on domestic or non-domestic premises; changes to the nominated person of a childcare provision (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the manager how she provides activities for children and the procedures that help to safeguard children.
- The inspector looked at the documentation, including policies and risks assessments, and discussed these.
- The inspector viewed the premises used for childcare, together with resources and equipment available for children's use.
- The inspector discussed how the manager and staff manage children's behaviour and promote healthy lifestyles.

Inspector

Sarah Madge

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY267198
Local authority	Devon
Inspection number	833294
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	23
Name of provider	The Torch Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	1 October 2010
Telephone number	01647 61338

The Torch Club operates from Tedburn St Mary School, with which it has links, in Tedbury. It registered in 2004. The club includes sessions from 7.50am to 8.55am and from 3.30pm to 5.45pm on school days. There are four members of staff working with the children, two of whom hold appropriate childcare qualifications to at least level 2. There were no early years children present at the time of inspection.

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