

Big Stars Play Club

588 Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9NF



Inspection date

9 June 2015

Previous inspection date

6 January 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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

- The quality of teaching is good. Staff plan and extend a wide range of exciting and challenging activities for the children. They work in partnership with local schools and parents, and use the information received to plan for children's development.
- Staff have formed close relationships with the children and know all about their interests. Children are confident and staff promote children's independence skills well. This helps to support children during their time in school.
- The club has made good progress since the last inspection. The manager uses self-evaluation well to identify staff training and any areas to improve. This helps to ensure improvements made are specific to the needs of the club.
- The manager has a good understanding of how to keep children safe. She ensures that she assesses any hazards in the club and implements action plans to reduce the risks to children. Staff are familiar with safeguarding procedures and the manager regularly reviews the on-going suitability of staff to ensure those who work with children, continue to be fit to do so.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- There is room to incorporate the views of younger children even further, to evaluate the main strengths and areas to improve at the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use children's views to even greater effect to evaluate the strengths and areas to improve at the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspectors took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspectors interviewed the manager and staff about children's progress and development.
- The inspectors reviewed a wide range of documentation including policies, procedures and planning.
- The inspectors tested out the club's safeguarding policies and procedures with the manager and all staff.

Inspector

Sarah Taylor / Patricia Graham

Inspection findings

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

Staff at the club work closely with local schools to help support children's individual learning needs. For example, they talk to teachers about what children have enjoyed learning about at school and extend these activities at the club. This contributes to helping children to make good progress in their learning and development. Staff interact well with the children and support children with routine tasks such as completing their homework. Children enjoy a wide range of activities that complement the school day. For example, children enjoy drawing pictures of each other on the chalk board, while older children play a game with the indoor football. Staff regularly assess children's progress and complete observations which show that children are working comfortably within expectations for their age. The club shares regular newsletters with parents and seeks their views about what children enjoy doing at home.

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

Children are well behaved because they know the rules of the club really well. This is because they are involved in writing them from the beginning. Staff ensure that they teach the children how to keep themselves safe. For example, they talk to the children about why they wear high visibility vests during the journey to school. Children's independence is well promoted. Children are happy when they arrive at the club and eagerly eat breakfast together with their friends. Children have strong relationships with staff at the club and staff are responsive to children's individual needs. As a result, children feel secure. Staff create opportunities to support children's physical development through regular trips to the park. This is complemented by healthy snacks and meals. When children first start at the club they attend a number of settling-in visits. This positive support continues when staff talk to children, about their likes and dislikes.

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

Staff have a good understanding of how to keep children safe. They receive regular updates from the manager and attend frequent training. Training is well planned and the manager ensures that it has benefit for the children. For example, the manager has planned specific training on 'planning in an out-of-school club environment'. Staff are well qualified, which enables them to provide good quality teaching to the children. They know when to sit back and allow the children to take the lead during activities. This helps the children to be independent. The manager has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements and regularly monitors children's progress. She involves the children and parents in evaluating the club's main strengths and areas to improve. However, there is room to develop this even further by seeking the views of younger children. Parents spoken to on the day of the inspection were highly complementary about the club.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY473082
Local authority	Oldham
Inspection number	1013919
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	38
Name of provider	Claire Louise Stryczek
Date of previous inspection	6 January 2015
Telephone number	07747 061101

Big Stars Play club was registered in 2005 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register and was reregistered in new premises in January 2014. It is situated on the first floor of commercial premises in the Chadderton area of Oldham, and is managed by a private individual. The club serves four schools in the local area. It operates from two playrooms and there is an enclosed area available for outdoor play. The club employs four childcare staff. All of whom, hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. In addition, the provider has an early years qualification at level 4 and a playwork qualification at level 3. The club is open Monday to Friday all year round from 7.30am to 9.15am and 3pm to 6pm during term time only, and from 8am to 6pm during school holidays. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There are currently six children attending who are in the early years age group.

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