

Playdays Kids Club

St. Chads Community Hall, St. Chads Church, Withington, MANCHESTER, M20 4WH



Inspection date

9 June 2015

Previous inspection date

10 December 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Good	1 2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The management team and staff have an outstanding knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and an excellent understanding of how children learn best through play. Activities are varied and engage children in a range of rich learning opportunities. Children are well supported in developing skills for future learning.
- Extremely positive relationships are evident between children and staff. Staff work extremely closely with parents to understand children's needs. Expectations for children are very clear. Children are fully aware of routines. Older children support younger children during play and their behaviour is exemplary.
- The environment is highly stimulating with designated areas that support all areas of children's learning and development. Children initiate their own play, share resources and play cooperatively with their peers. Children's independence is promoted at all times. As a result, children are extremely confident and access the environment with enthusiasm.
- Staff attend statutory and additional training opportunities. There is an ongoing commitment to continued professional development through regular staff meetings and appraisals. All staff have an excellent knowledge of safeguarding procedures and the action to take if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. Consequently, children are extremely well cared for in the club.
- Excellent self-evaluation practices are in place. The views of children, parents and staff support the management team in identifying clear priorities for ongoing improvements. Outstanding partnerships with parents and other professionals result in children's needs being given the utmost priority.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to extend the already excellent partnerships with schools through engaging in more creative ways to further deepen partnerships.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the inside and outside environments.
- The inspector spoke with children, parents, staff and the manager during the inspection and took into account their views of the provision.
- The inspector undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector looked at children's records, evidence of the suitability of adults working in the club and a range of other documentation, including self-evaluation and risk assessments.

Inspector

Elisia Lee

Inspection findings

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

Children are exceptionally well supported in the club. Staff have an excellent knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Activities are planned and identified through discussions with children. For example, children have recently been consulted on which role-play activities they would like. Staff skilfully motivate children and facilitate their play. For example, they demonstrate how to play games, pose questions and set challenges for children. Younger children enjoy taking part in song-and-rhyme sessions. The impact of teaching is extremely positive. Children have lots of opportunities to be independent and make choices. For example, children choose to take part in creative activities and use construction blocks to make towers of different lengths. Planned activities offer optimal challenge for children. Parent partnerships are superb. Staff gather a range of information on children's interests, ask parents for their opinions and invite them into the club.

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

The club is a calm and relaxed environment. Children have formed strong relationships with staff, which help to support their confidence and emotional well-being exceptionally well. Staff consistently praise children's efforts and celebrate their achievements. Children have a shared understanding of routines, respond to requests extremely well and their behaviour is exemplary. Children play outside daily and have access to a community garden where they grow flowers. This supports their understanding of exercise and healthy lifestyles. During holiday periods children go on different outings, such as trips to a beach or a theme park. Healthy snacks are provided and children freely access snacks and drinks as they wish. Children are supported through times of change as staff collect children from different schools after the school day. Staff have formed excellent partnerships with teachers. This allows staff to offer activities that complement and enhance children's learning at school. Staff can build on and implement further innovative ways to share information with teachers.

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

Staff are well qualified and experienced in caring for early years children. This has a positive impact on children as staff understand how to support them in developing new skills. Staff have an excellent understanding of managing risks. Daily safety checks are completed to ensure the environment is safe for children. Leadership and management are excellent. There are robust systems in place for selection and recruitment, inductions and appraisals. The manager evaluates practice through observing staff, identifying training, staff meetings and speaking to parents. The recommendations from the previous inspection have been addressed. For example, staff have reviewed the environment to ensure children can access resources independently. Targeted priorities have been identified to drive further improvement. Partnerships with parents and other professionals allow meaningful information to be exchanged about children's individual needs. Parents are very complimentary about the quality of care and service the club provides.

Setting details

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Local authority	Manchester
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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	50
Name of provider	Corrina Cottrell
Date of previous inspection	10 December 2009
Telephone number	078631 83512

Playdays Kids Club was registered in 2009. It operates from St Chad's Community Hall in the Withington area of Manchester. It is privately owned and one of three other clubs. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3 and three members of staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2. The club is open from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time only, and from 8am to 6pm for holiday care.

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