

Eatock Care Club

Eatock County Primary School, St George's Avenue, Westhoughton, Bolton, BL5 2ER



Inspection date

18 June 2015

Previous inspection date

3 November 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	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

- Staff are extremely kind and genuinely caring towards children. They have an unwavering commitment to meeting their individual care needs. As a result, children show high levels of self-confidence and feel secure in the club.
- Staff consistently demonstrate high-quality teaching skills and there is an excellent range of resources available. Staff know how to plan activities to reflect children's interests exceptionally well.
- Staff work exceptionally well with all parents and share information, which supports children's learning and rapid progression.
- Staff have established strong links with the host school and other providers. These highly effective partnerships help staff to consistently complement the care and learning children receive at school.
- Staff caring for children are very alert to any indications that a child may be suffering from harm. All staff have a clear understanding of processes to follow if a concern is raised about a child's welfare.
- Leadership and management are highly evaluative and self-evaluation is precise, accurate and well documented. Managers, in their strive for excellence, meet regularly with staff, parents and children to reflect on the activities they offer, and together they accurately identify how they can maintain the highest standards.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop and extend upon children's interest in fundraising and charity events, to support their deepening curiosity of the wider world around them.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the club's facilities.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff suitability and qualifications, and viewed recruitment records, supervision and appraisal records and the training of staff.
- The inspector discussed the provider's current procedure for self-evaluation.
- The inspector spoke with members of staff, parents and children at appropriate times during the inspection, and held meetings with the club managers.
- The inspector looked at a selection of policies, procedures and risk assessments.
- The inspector took account of the written views of parents.

Inspector

Emma Barrow

Inspection findings

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

Staff fully engage children in excellent, purposeful play and learning opportunities, both indoors and outdoors. Children's interest in an earthquake lead them to tent building, using different equipment and large sheets of material. Staff are highly skilled in following children's lead, extending their interest and problem-solving skills. They challenge children to make tents outdoors, and children enthusiastically work together to find out how to do this and discuss if it would be waterproof. There are excellent opportunities at the club to support children in developing skills for their future learning at school. Children access computers in a quiet room to complete homework, spend time at the creative table or play in the exciting, challenging and highly stimulating outdoor area. Staff work closely with children and demonstrate they know each and every child as an individual. They choose to observe children to find out how best to support them in their learning. As a result, children's individual needs are extremely well met and they make rapid progress.

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

Children thrive in this warm, welcoming, safe environment and they play exceptionally well together. Older children support younger friends, enabling them to join in with their games and feel a part of the club. There is a highly effective key-person system in place for the youngest children. As a result, they are confident and their emotional well-being is extremely well supported. Inspiring opportunities encourage children to practise their self-care skills. For example, children prepare their own healthy and nutritious snacks and consistently have opportunities to serve themselves, to further develop their already excellent independence. Highly engaging strategies promote positive behaviour, which is exemplary. Staff foster a child-led approach and encourage children to actively contribute to shaping the provision. For example, they help organise fundraising events for various charities and appeals across the world. Staff are highly committed to extending these interests and have plans to continue to organise fundraising events.

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

Leadership and management of the club are exceptional. Management are highly experienced and extremely knowledgeable about the safeguarding and welfare requirements. Rigorous recruitment procedures ensure suitability checks are carried out for all staff. Staff undergo a comprehensive induction and highly effective, robust policies and procedures underpin their outstanding practice. As a result, children's good health, safety and well-being are extremely well supported. Highly effective supervisions fully support the staff team to reflect upon and share innovative practice. Staff are highly committed to continually accessing training. For example, unqualified staff are working towards relevant qualifications, while others attend training to sharpen their already excellent understanding of how to support children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	403585
Local authority	Bolton
Inspection number	855442
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	36
Name of provider	Eatock Care Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	3 November 2010
Telephone number	01942 634679

Eatock Care Club was registered in 1998. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold qualifications at level 3 in early years and one holds a qualification at level 4. The club operates Monday to Friday during school term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.50am and from 3.15pm until 6pm.

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