

Latchkey Out of School Club



Sundial Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham, West Midlands, B43 6PD

Inspection date

7 July 2015

Previous inspection date

16 June 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Inadequate	4
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Inadequate	4
The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The provider does not have a full understanding of the welfare requirements. For example, none of the staff at the club have an appropriate first-aid qualification. This is a breach of requirements which compromises the children's safety and well-being in the event of an accident.
- While children enjoy the snacks provided, they are not sufficiently varied to ensure they are nutritious and well balanced.
- The management team do not monitor or evaluate the provision effectively in order to ensure that all practice is of a good standard.

It has the following strengths

- Staff get to know children quickly and provide activities they enjoy.
- Staff build successful partnerships with school staff to share information about children's needs.
- Staff are aware of the procedure to follow should they have a concern about a child or a member of staff.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- ensure that there is always at least one person present at the club, who has a current first-aid certificate
- provide children with a range of nutritious, well-balanced snacks.

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

- improve methods used to evaluate the club's strengths and weaknesses, so that the quality of the provision improves.

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

- ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first-aid qualification (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that food provided for children is wholesome and nutritious (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first-aid qualification (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including children's records, staff records and a range of policies.
- The inspector observed activities in the different rooms.
- The inspector spoke with children and the joint providers at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector viewed information used to evidence the suitability of staff, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks and first-aid qualifications.
- The inspector took into account the views of the parents spoken to during the inspection.

Inspector
Carole Price

Inspection findings

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

Children are happy as they arrive at the club. They all sit together and chat about what they have been doing, which makes children feel valued and welcome. Children choose what to play with and freely move between the different rooms. Staff engage in children's play and encourage them to participate in different activities. Team games and activities, such as dodgeball, allow children to play collaboratively as well as to learn about following instructions. Children all have equal access to the games and activities they wish to join in. They enjoy playing on the computer and using the skipping ropes and compare what they are doing with each other. Staff invite children to offer ideas about what they would like to play with and include their contributions in future plans. These include a wide range of creative materials and activities. As a result, children are engaged and enjoy their time at the club.

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

Children's safety and well-being is compromised because none of the staff on duty throughout the session have current paediatric first-aid certificates. The joint providers who also manage the club have not been proactive in ensuring that the necessary training has been kept updated. Generally, staff are deployed well, children are supervised, and they have good relationships with the staff and each other. They play cooperatively together and enjoy friendships across year groups. Children respond to staff as they are reminded of behaviour expectations and not to run inside. Children enjoy the snacks provided. However, they are not well balanced and do not offer enough variety of food groups. For example, children typically snack on sandwiches and toast or biscuits.

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

The management team does not have a secure understanding of its responsibilities and does not implement requirements effectively. Leaders do not make effective use of their qualifications and self-evaluation to highlight weaknesses and how they can improve the provision. Staff, however, are aware of the possible signs of abuse to children and of the referral process should they have a concern. Evidence of Disclosure and Barring Service checks and staff contact details are available for every member of staff. Most parents report their children are happy and have fun in the club. They say they get verbal feedback about their children from staff each evening, and that staff pass on any important information from teachers, helping them to maintain a link with the host school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	255169
Local authority	Sandwell
Inspection number	866936
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	46
Number of children on roll	30
Name of provider	Denise Ash & Sharon Gleeson Partnership
Date of previous inspection	16 June 2009
Telephone number	0121 358 5337

Latchkey Out of School Club registered in 1997. It operates from four rooms in a church hall in Great Barr, Birmingham. The before school club opens from 7.30am until 8.35am and the after school club opens from 3.30pm until 6pm, term time only. There are three members of staff who all hold a recognised early years qualification.

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