

Coalway Kids Club

Coalway Community Infant School, Coalway Road, Coalway, Coleford,
Gloucestershire, GL16 7HL



Inspection date	9 July 2015
Previous inspection date	27 April 2012

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

- Children settle well in the club's calm, happy atmosphere. They enjoy each other's company and have fun together.
- Staff have good relationships with children. They talk, become involved in activities and play games with children to help to extend their play.
- Staff provide a wide range of stimulating indoor toys and equipment which children treat with respect and care.
- Children behave very well as they understand the expectations and boundaries. This is because staff give clear, consistent guidance and involve children in setting the club's rules.
- Staff have many conversations with parents alongside their children so that all the family feels comfortable at the club.
- The committee provides strong support to the small team of staff. Management and staff work well together, reflecting on the provision, sharing ideas and contributing to decisions about improving the club.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always make new children fully aware of where different resources are stored to help children make choices in their play.
- Staff do not always make the most of resources and activities during outdoor play to build on children's curiosity and imagination.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- organise resources to ensure children who are new to the club are able to choose from the full range of toys and equipment so they can fully develop their ideas and experiences
- enhance children's play outdoors by providing more resources that can be used in a variety of ways and give children more opportunities to explore, build and be imaginative.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the areas where childcare takes place, including the toys, equipment and resources children use, and observed interaction between the staff and children.
- The inspector observed activities in the club's room and outside play area, and undertook a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager and talked with a committee member, staff, children and family members.
- The inspector checked the evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff working with children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including children's records, risk assessments and written policies, and discussed safeguarding procedures with the manager.

Inspector

Angela Cole

Inspection findings

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

Children greatly enjoy their time at the club. They have fun in the company of the staff and children of different ages. Children talk confidently and listen well to follow routines and instructions reliably. They look after their belongings and follow rules for games. Staff recognise what children like to do and react quickly to their requests. They are relaxed, while being vigilant in case children need attention or encouragement. Staff know how to support children on their own or to include them into a group. Children enjoy being imaginative so staff provide a wide range of creative materials. Generally, staff follow children's ideas and help them achieve their aims. For example, children complete detailed drawings and choose how they want these displayed. Children show great pride in what they do and staff praise their efforts warmly.

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

Children have close relationships with staff and their friends. The welcoming environment created by staff supports children's emotional development. Children receive strong reassurance and praise from staff to extend their self-esteem. They feel confident to play with older children, who readily include them in their activities. Staff teach children well to meet their own physical needs. Children learn good hygiene practices through the daily routine and know why they wash their hands before eating and cooking activities. They enjoy ample meals and snacks that include fruit, which promotes their knowledge of healthy lifestyles. Children benefit from many activities in and out of doors that support their physical development. They enjoy games of tag and gain good skills to swing, balance and climb. Children know to check whether equipment is safe, such as tyres for jumping.

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

The provider meets the requirements to a good standard. The committee uses effective arrangements to employ staff and check their suitability. Staff implement policies and procedures consistently so the club is secure, safe, welcoming and stimulating for children. Staff update their knowledge of child protection and are strongly aware of how to respond to any concern about a child. The manager oversees children's care continuously to address any gaps in their development. Staff work closely with other settings children attend and pass on information to teachers and parents. Staff and parents share details about the children and their care. Parents say their children are extremely happy at the club as they have more than enough to do and plenty of play outside. Staff value parents' and children's views to help evaluate the club and its activities. Development plans include building new premises and continuing staff training to improve support for different children. This shows a good attitude towards maintaining continuous improvement.

Setting details

Unique reference number	101867
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	839137
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	3 - 8
Total number of places	22
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	Coalway Kids Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	27 April 2012
Telephone number	01594 839103

Coalway Kids Club registered in 2001. It operates from a temporary building and the school hall at Coalway Community Infant School, in Coleford, Gloucestershire. The club opens each weekday during term time from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 5.30pm. During school holidays, the club opens from 8am to 5.30pm as required. There are three staff who all hold relevant qualifications.

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