

Little Cherubs Kids Club

Cheshunt Boys Club, Stanhope Road, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, EN8 7DJ



Inspection date

9 July 2015

Previous inspection date

14 September 2011

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 enjoy their time at the club and are very happy and relaxed. They choose from a varied range of activities and experiences on offer to them in the club.
- The friendly and enthusiastic interactions between staff and children help them form secure attachments quickly and children demonstrate they feel safe and confident in the care of staff.
- Children's behaviour is good as staff are good role models. They are deployed well and provide clear guidance for children about what is acceptable behaviour.
- Effective partnerships with parents help to support children's welfare and learning.
- The manager has a very good understanding of safeguarding and ensures her staff's ongoing suitability. They keep children safe and are clear about their roles and responsibilities.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Partnerships with the other settings that children attend for most of their Early Years Foundation Stage provision are not fully explored, to promote continuity of learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend links with other early years providers to better share information and complement learning in other settings where children spend more time.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed a number of children's activities throughout the inspection.
- The inspector sampled some of the documentation available, including safeguarding information.
- The inspector gathered the views from parents available to speak to her.
- The inspector reviewed the provider's self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Clair Stockings

Inspection findings

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

Children arrive happily and enjoy their time at the club. Staff introduce some planned activities to offer variety, including art and craft. Children enjoy socialising with other children. They develop positive relationships with everyone at the club and settle well. Children express their views and say they like coming to the club. They enjoy the activities and playing with friends. Staff are friendly and join in when needed, while allowing children to lead their own play. Children in the early years age group are well supported by staff. They relax or are active according to their needs. Throughout the session, children engage in conversation with the staff, using and developing their communication skills effectively. Staff play alongside children and chat to them about activities they have enjoyed at school and about significant events in their lives, for example, recent birthday celebrations. As a result, staff know each child well.

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

Children relate well to staff, who have a clear understanding of their individual care needs. Staff members are well deployed to provide good levels of supervision for all children to keep them safe. Children quickly settle into the routines of the club. They behave well, are polite and respect the rules of the setting because staff make these clear. Staff value children's views and opinions, which builds their confidence and self-respect. During teatime, children sit together chatting to each other and to staff. Children are encouraged to follow good hygiene routines. They have a good understanding of keeping healthy and safe, and respond well to staff expectations. Staff understand the need to protect children and ensure they play in a safe and secure environment.

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

Staff meet children's welfare and learning needs well. Staff implement the policies and procedures well and conduct thorough risk assessments, prioritising children's safety in all areas, both inside and outside. Staff monitor children extremely well and use clear explanations to help ensure that they learn to understand potential hazards. The manager works closely with staff to promote their professional development effectively. Consequently, they have the skills and ability to ensure continuous improvement. Parents comment on the very good care the staff provide and the good communication between the club and parents. They acknowledge that their children enjoy spending time at the club. The staff continue to forge good links with the range of schools that children attend and information is shared well to ensure continuity of care. However, there is scope to extend partnership working with other providers to enable children to benefit from continuity in their experiences.

Setting details

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Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	863568
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	29
Name of provider	Little Cherubs Kids Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	14 September 2011
Telephone number	07739 158 056

Little Cherubs Kids Club was registered in 2007. The club employs eight members of childcare staff, four of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and above. The club is open five days a week during school term times from 3.15pm until 5.45pm.

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