

Inspection date

13 July 2015

Previous inspection date

24 March 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

- The qualified staff ensure children benefit from well-planned, good quality play experiences. Consequently, children enjoy their time at the club. They are well occupied throughout the session and able to access inside and outside areas freely.
- The setting is effectively led. Staff are supported in their roles and offered appropriate training to build on their skills. This means outcomes for children are continually improving.
- Staff set clear boundaries for children and are alert to any incidents that require staff intervention. This means that children learn how to behave in an appropriate way and interact positively with others.
- Staff have a good understanding of how to keep children safe. Risk assessments are carried out to ensure potential risks to children are minimised. Staff have a good knowledge of child protection procedures and understand their role and responsibility to protect the children in their care.
- Partnerships with parents and links with the host school are good. This means that staff are able to build on children's interests and complement their learning in school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not fully explain activities in sufficient detail or provide timely support to meet the needs of the youngest children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enable all children to confidently engage in new activities by ensuring staff give clear explanations and offer timely support.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed a range of activities indoors and outdoors, and spoke with children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager of the club.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity with the manager.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a selection of policies and procedures, which included safeguarding and complaints, the club's self-evaluation and a range of other documentation.

Inspector

Jacqueline Coomer

Inspection findings

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

Children take part in a good selection of activities and games that keep them engaged, focused and interested. The areas used by the club are welcoming and well-organised overall, with a good variety of resources. These are mostly accessible to children and staff give children opportunities to make their own choices about what they would like to do. Staff encourage children to develop their own ideas through their imaginative games and role play. The activities complement children's experiences and the themes at school. Consequently, children build on what they already know and are generally confident and motivated to take part. They particularly enjoy playing outdoors in the well-equipped playground. Staff organise group games where children enjoy the fresh air and learn to take turns and cooperate with each other. However, sometimes staff do not explain new activities sufficiently to the youngest children or provide support at appropriate times. As a result, some children are occasionally unsure how to approach new challenges.

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

Children enjoy their time at the club. They come into the setting happily and are welcomed by staff. There is a friendly atmosphere and children have good relationships with the staff and each other. Children behave well and are familiar with the routines and expectations of the club. Staff are vigilant in supervising the children at all times, making sure enough staff are both indoors and on the playground. Staff promote children's good health effectively. Children manage their own personal needs as they wash their hands before they eat. They benefit from healthy and varied snacks, and water is readily available. Staff organise the sessions well. Children take pleasure in sharing their news at snack time when they arrive, and they gain independence skills as they serve their own snacks. This helps them to develop confidence in their own abilities and builds their self-esteem. Consequently, they are emotionally well prepared for their next stage in learning.

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

The manager has a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and knows how to keep children safe. Staff have good relationships with parents and welcome them into the setting. Parents have access to a range of information, including a parent pack, details of forthcoming activities and the club's policies and procedures. Parents comment that they are very happy with the provision and they particularly value the staff's caring approach. Effective arrangements are in place to safeguard children's welfare. Recruitment procedures are robust and help to ensure that staff are suitable to work with the children. Systems are also in place to check the ongoing suitability of staff. The manager monitors staff's performance and the team show a good commitment to continuous development and improvement.

Setting details

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Local authority	Derbyshire
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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	3 - 15
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	301
Name of provider	Playdays Ltd
Date of previous inspection	24 March 2011
Telephone number	07870 221 375

Playdays has been registered since 2004. The club employs 10 members of staff. The staff all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 to level 5. The club opens Monday to Friday, from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm during term time. In school holidays, it operates Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm.

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