Scallywags Fun Club

Nine Acres Cp School, South View, NEWPORT, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP



Inspection date5 August 2015Previous inspection date27 July 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

- Children relish their time at the club. They are welcomed into a warm and friendly club by staff that value each child and meet their needs with great success. Children develop strong emotional bonds and secure trusting relationships with staff.
- The excellent indoor and outdoor environments provide extremely interesting and stimulating resources that engage children and build on their interests.
- The manager and staff monitor the quality of provision extremely well. This ensures children have access to a wide range of experiences that keep them very well occupied.
- Children benefit hugely from the staff team's highly successful partnerships with parents. Staff and parents share key information effectively between them.
- The manager is committed to providing provision of the highest quality and achieving excellence in all areas. The experienced manager and her staff team work extremely well together. They have an excellent understanding of their responsibility to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- Children express their views very well and state they love coming to the club. They thoroughly enjoy the activities and playing with friends. Staff are extremely approachable and join in when needed, while allowing children to lead their own play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

consider how to provide children with extra challenge to enrich their play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the manager, and spoke to the staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff interactions with the children during children's activities in the indoor and the outdoor environment.
- The inspector sampled some of the documentation available including safeguarding information.
- The inspector took account of the written views of parents and those spoken to on the day.
- The inspector observed an activity with the manager.

Inspector

Alison Large

Inspection findings

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

Children arrive very happily and thoroughly enjoy their time at the club. Staff introduce some planned activities to offer variety, including cooking and art and craft activities. Children enjoy socialising with other children. They develop positive relationships with everyone at the club and settle well. The club provides an excellent balance of child-led play, planned activities and interesting resources. For example, staff demonstrate a very secure understanding of the children, facilitating extensive opportunities for them to be wholly involved and to contribute their own ideas, such as when den building and when icing their biscuits. Children develop new skills and grow in confidence. They rise to the challenge of trying something new, such as playing badminton. Each child receives extremely enjoyable and interesting experiences. Children are very well supported by staff. They can relax or be active according to their needs. Throughout the session, children engage in conversation with the staff. As a result, staff know each child extremely well.

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

Staff make excellent use of the extensive range of resources. The indoor and outdoor areas are very well organised to ensure children can take part in a wide variety of activities. Children play extremely happily alongside each other and demonstrate excellent turn taking skills as they share the resources. Children behave really well; they share and play very well together. Children learn about good hygiene routines and are able to take themselves off independently to wash their hands. Children are secure and safe in the club and feel a strong sense of belonging, fostered by consistent care from staff and excellent resources.

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

Staff use their qualifications to meet children's welfare needs extremely well. Arrangements for safeguarding children are robust. All staff undertake training in child protection and have a very good understanding of safeguarding procedures and how to protect children. Clear procedures are in place for the recruitment and vetting of new staff, which helps ensure all adults working with the children are suitable to do so. The manager and staff monitor and evaluate the setting to ensure that any strengths and areas for development are highlighted. The manager has correctly identified that staff need to continue to build on their already strong focus to further extend children by providing extra challenge in their play. The partnership with other professionals and the school is excellent.

Setting details

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Local authority Isle of Wight

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Type of provisionOut of school provision

Registration category Childcare - Non-Domestic

Age range of children 3 - 8

Total number of places 75

Number of children on roll 150

Name of provider Sarah Jane Wherry

Date of previous inspection 27 July 2010

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Scallywags Fun Club registered in 2009. The setting is located at Nine Acres Primary School, in Newport on the Isle of Wight. The club opens each weekday from 8am to 6pm during all school holidays. They open during term time when the school is closed. There are six staff employed to work in the club. All but one hold relevant qualifications.

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