

Little Oaks Cool Kids Club

Larkfields Infant School, Coronation Road, Nuthall, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG16 1EP



Inspection date

7 August 2015

Previous inspection date

18 February 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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 provider has worked closely with her team to make vast improvements since the last inspection. This has resulted in improved outcomes in relation to the learning and welfare of children.
- Children are happy and settled at the club. This is because staff are good role models. They join in with play activities and form good relationships with children.
- Staff know the children well and follow their play interests effectively. This encourages children to be motivated learners and involved in purposeful play.
- Staff are well trained in safeguarding and child protection issues. They have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe from harm.
- Children's personal and social skills are promoted well by the club. This is because children are encouraged to help each other, take turns and respect each other's needs.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff provide children with an area to relax in, children do not frequently access this area. This is because it is not cosy or inviting. As a result, children's emotional well-being is not fully promoted.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the environment to offer children more opportunities to rest and relax.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed children during activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of practitioners working with children and discussed the provider's improvement plans.
- The inspector held a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Dawn Larkin

Inspection findings

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

Staff use their experience and qualifications well to promote children's learning. They provide children with a good variety of interesting activities, experiences and trips. Children settle well and enjoy the activities on offer. Staff are good teachers who interact effectively with the children and extend their play. Staff actively join in with children's role play. This promotes children's imagination and language skills. Children are given many opportunities to develop their physical skills because the club has access to a large outdoor area, challenging climbing equipment and balancing beams. Children also practise dance moves as they play on interactive computer games. This also supports their technology skills. All activities complement and extend the learning that takes place at school and helps children to continue to develop the skills they need for future learning.

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

Since the last inspection, staff have received training in behaviour management. As a result, staff are consistent in their approach when supporting children to learn the behavioural expectations of the club. Consequently, children play and behave well together. Older children are very supportive of younger ones and act as good role models. Children's self-esteem is promoted well because staff offer them lots of praise for their efforts and achievements. The club is generally well resourced and thoughtfully arranged to promote children's independence. However, the organisation and appearance of the cosy area is not attractive or welcoming to the children. As a result, children do not frequently use this area when they require a rest. Snacks are healthy and children have regular access to exercise and outdoor play, helping to promote a healthy lifestyle.

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

The provider and her team now demonstrate a commitment to continually developing the club. They regularly review the provision to identify areas for improvement. Children are actively involved in this process and their views are valued and acted upon. There are effective procedures in place for the safe recruitment of staff and all information about this process is now accurately recorded. A good system of supervision supports staff to improve their knowledge, skills and practice, which in turn improves outcomes for the children. The club works effectively with the school and parents to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff also have positive partnerships with parents and the host school to complement children's learning and care experiences.

Setting details

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Local authority	Nottinghamshire
Inspection number	1007542
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	42
Number of children on roll	100
Name of provider	Little Oaks Limited
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2015
Telephone number	07989 392 633

Little Oaks Cool Kids Club was registered in 2003. The club employs 12 members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years qualifications. The provider has Early Years Professional status, one member of staff holds a qualification at level 3 and four at level 2. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 6pm. It also opens during the school holidays from 7.30am to 6pm. The club supports a number of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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