

Castle Holiday Club At Finstall



Finstall First School, Carnforth Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 2HS

Inspection date 26 August 2015
Previous inspection date 27 July 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

- Practitioners have a good knowledge and understanding of how children learn through play. They create a relaxed, child-centred environment and provide children with a wide range of resources, experiences and outings. This helps children to make good progress and builds on their learning at home and in other early years settings.
- Children are happy and form secure attachments with practitioners and the other children. Practitioners are friendly, caring and approachable and they get to know the children well. This helps children to feel safe and secure and promotes their well-being effectively.
- The provider, manager and practitioner team have a good understanding of their responsibilities to safeguard children. Clear procedures are followed to ensure children's welfare and safety are maintained effectively.
- The provider and management team recognise the importance of working in partnership with other providers and professionals. This ensures children's individual needs are effectively met.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Younger children are not always able to speak to others about their own interests and opinions.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve opportunities for younger children to speak about their own interests and opinions.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at areas of the premises that are used by the club.
- The inspector jointly observed and discussed activities with the provider and the manager.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, children's records and planning documentation.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the provider.
- The inspector spoke to children and practitioners at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of the practitioners working with children and the setting's improvement plans.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of inspection and those provided in responses to recent questionnaires.

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Inspection findings

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

Children benefit from attending the holiday club, which provides them with a relaxed and fun environment. The quality of teaching is good and practitioners spend time supporting and guiding children's play effectively. A good focus is placed on developing children's imagination and creative skills. All children love taking on different roles and characters in the role-play areas, such as in the pretend cafe or home corner. Children play cooperatively while constructing a robot from recycled materials, talking to practitioners and sharing their ideas as they play. Younger children become thoroughly immersed in painting activities and create delightful pictures of butterflies and rabbits. Most children are confident communicators and chat easily to their friends, practitioners and to visitors to the setting. However, the practitioners do not always make sure that the youngest children have the same opportunities as older children to express their ideas and opinions confidently. Children take part in a variety of topics, such as learning about different cities, which helps to broaden their knowledge and skills.

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

Children's good health and physical development are promoted effectively. Good partnerships with parents mean that children's individual needs are met. Children enjoy a wide range of games outdoors, such as cricket and tennis, and take part in a range of activities, including guided archery and pottery sessions. Children develop good independence skills and help themselves to the drinks and the fresh fruit available. Children learn how to keep themselves safe and use the space and resources in a safe way. Practitioners give good consideration to the organisation of the environment, in order to accommodate for the needs of all the children attending. This enables different groups of children to have their own space to relax or have quiet time in. Children's achievements in the club are highly valued and their art and craft work is proudly displayed.

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

The holiday club is effectively managed. Good attention is given to keeping children safe and the practitioner team work together to ensure the environment is safe and secure. Effective systems are in place to ensure the suitability of the practitioners working with the children. Robust recruitment and vetting procedures are in place. Practitioners are supported at supervision meetings and through additional training. They are well qualified and this has a positive impact on the outcomes for children. Monitoring and evaluation is effective and ensures good quality experiences are provided for children. Ongoing self-evaluation and action plans ensure continuous improvement in the provision. Parents speak positively about the club and responses to questionnaires reflect a good level of satisfaction.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY369895
Local authority	Worcestershire
Inspection number	1017103
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	203
Name of provider	Castle Nursery Ltd
Date of previous inspection	27 July 2012
Telephone number	01527 872938

Castle Holiday Club at Finstall was registered in 2008. It is part of a local chain of privately owned daycare settings. The club employs 12 members of childcare staff. Of these, nine have relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 or 4. The club is open from Monday to Friday during school holidays. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm.

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