

Knightwood Kids Club

Knightwood School, Bellflower Way, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 4HN



Inspection date	4 August 2015
Previous inspection date	13 October 2011

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 thoroughly enjoy their time at the club. Children of all ages are extremely happy and confident owing to excellent relationships with staff. Staff value children and include them extremely well in this warm and friendly setting.
- The manager and staff monitor the quality of the provision extremely well. This ensures children have access to a wide range of thoroughly enjoyable experiences.
- Children relish craft activities. Children are very confident to talk to the staff and discuss their preferences and interests. Staff are friendly and join in when needed to give support, so children achieve their aims and experience success.
- Children benefit hugely from the highly successful partnerships between the staff and parents that ensure key information is shared between them. Parents comment that their children love spending time at the club.
- The manager is extremely committed and highly dedicated to providing children with safe and enjoyable holiday experiences. She ensures staff undertake training to develop their skills, keep their knowledge updated and to gain further qualifications. This results in an extremely confident staff team with an excellent understanding of how to help all children get the most out of club activities.
- Children are supported extremely well by staff, which enables them to become confident quickly in the club's routines, owing to the very strong attachments they form with staff.

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 thought-provoking challenges to enrich their play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and deputy manager, and talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed staff's interactions with the children during activities in the indoor and the outdoor learning environment.
- The inspector looked at the documentation available during the inspection, including safeguarding information.
- The inspector observed an activity jointly with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the written views of parents and those spoken to during the inspection.

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 blossom under the care of the extremely knowledgeable staff team. Staff use their knowledge to inspire children's play. Staff introduce some excellent planned activities to offer variety, including clay modelling, energetic exercise classes, and painting plates and tiles. Children develop excellent relationships with everyone at the club and settle very well. Children express their views confidently and say they love coming to the club because it is so much fun. Children are extremely well occupied and enjoy playing with their friends. They can relax or be active according to their needs. Throughout the session, children engage in conversations with the staff, which help the staff get to know them and their individual interests extremely well.

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

Children enjoy socialising with other children. They develop very positive relationships with everyone at the club, settling-in extremely well. Staff provide a wide range of exciting activities, which stimulate their curiosity and make them eager to join in. All children benefit from using a wealth of interesting resources. They enjoy choosing what to do and love playing outside, including riding on their own bikes and scooters, or splashing about in the paddling pools. Children behave extremely well because staff have the very highest expectations of them that they implement consistently. Staff fully promote the children's health and safety and meet their physical needs extremely well.

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

The manager and her staff team are committed to providing provision of the highest quality and achieving excellence in all areas. They work extremely well and consistently as a team and have a very secure knowledge of their responsibility to meet the requirements. Arrangements for safeguarding children are excellent because staff have an excellent understanding of safeguarding procedures. They evaluate the provision thoroughly to identify strengths and areas for improvement. The manager has correctly identified that they can continue to build on their plans to enhance children's activities by providing more thought-provoking challenges in their play. Parents comment on the superb care the staff provide and the excellent communication between themselves and the club staff. The staff have excellent links with the school that the children attend and information is shared very well with the after-school club to help meet children's needs.

Setting details

Unique reference number	110551
Local authority	Hampshire
Inspection number	835859
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	5 - 8
Total number of places	56
Number of children on roll	120
Name of provider	Knightwood Kids Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	13 October 2011
Telephone number	02380 261900

Knightwood Kids Club registered in 2000. It is located at Knightswood Primary School in the Chandlers Ford area of Hampshire. The after-school club is open from 3pm until 6pm on weekdays during school terms. A holiday club operates during the Easter and summer holidays from 8am to 6pm on weekdays. There are 12 members of staff, nine of whom hold relevant qualifications.

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