

# Lorton After School Club

Lorton School, High Lorton, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9UL



## Inspection date

5 November 2015

Previous inspection date

5 March 2013

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

### This inspection:

### Met

Previous inspection:

Satisfactory

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## Summary of key findings for parents

### The provision meets requirements

- The well-qualified staff team have a sound knowledge of how they will provide a wide range of challenging and fun experiences for children to engage in, to complement their learning from school.
- The friendly and caring staff have a good understanding of how to promote children's well-being so that they feel happy and confident during their time in the club. Consistency of staff between the club and school provide friendly and familiar faces to help children feel settled and assured.
- Managers and leaders have effective systems in place to promote children's safety and welfare. For example, staff complete a daily health and safety check of the environment before children arrive to ensure the play areas are safe and well organised. In addition, supervision levels are high, visitors are thoroughly checked and play areas are secure.
- The whole staff team are committed to continued improvement. They understand the importance of regularly reflecting on their practice, seeking the views of children and parents and know how to use this information to inform practice and improve provision.
- Robust recruitment procedures ensure that staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Effective supervision meetings support staff in identifying what they do well and what needs to be improved. Staff are keen to attend further training to develop their knowledge and skills, to help raise the quality of care and learning for children.
- Staff know how to keep parents and teachers informed of children's progress. For example, effective systems are in place to provide parents with time to review and contribute to children's scrap books and staff are confident to display children's achievements on the Learning wall at school, to ensure children's learning is shared.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Managers and leaders have a firm understanding of what would alert them to a concern about a child's welfare. They clearly know the procedure to follow to protect children from harm.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector toured the areas of the club intended to be used when caring for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the nominated person, the manager and staff throughout the inspection.
- The inspector examined a range of documents. These included evidence of suitability checks, a record of staff training, risk assessment records and the policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed the play areas and discussed the range of activities that will be provided when caring for children.

### **Inspector**

Charlotte Bowe

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY320592
<b>Local authority</b>	Cumbria
<b>Inspection number</b>	1028107
<b>Type of provision</b>	Sessional provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	3 - 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	16
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Name of provider</b>	Lorton After School Club Committee
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	5 March 2013
<b>Telephone number</b>	07851 070 041

Lorton After School Club was registered in 2006 and is run by a committee. The after school club employs three members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The after school club operates from the pavilion in the grounds of Lorton Primary School and opens from Monday to Thursday, during term time. Sessions are from 3pm until 5pm.

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