

# The Cookie Club

Wilshere Dacre Junior School, Fishponds Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NS



<b>Inspection date</b>	10 November 2015
Previous inspection date	9 May 2014

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Met</b>
	Previous inspection:	Not met

## Summary of key findings for parents

### The provision meets requirements

- Staff demonstrate that they understand how to build on children's enthusiasm for learning. They explain how they structure activities in order to help children acquire and practise the skills necessary for school.
- Staff recognise the importance of working closely with other settings, such as school to ensure that they plan learning opportunities that contribute to every child's best development.
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff understand their role and responsibility in regard to child protection to promote their welfare. They are aware of changing legislation and update their policies. They know about the importance of sharing these with parents to underpin a professional relationship.
- Staff understand the value of reflection on the practice at the club. They have addressed the actions and recommendations made at the last inspection. They now ensure that the club is always staffed with qualified and experienced staff and follow safe recruitment systems. This demonstrates a capacity to improve and to further develop the club.
- Staff explain how they provide opportunities for children to develop good health. They place importance on outdoor play, such as gardening and growing vegetables to eat to help extend children's development.
- The manager and staff demonstrate how they intend to use risk assessments to ensure children are safe on the premises.
- Staff understand how to promote children's well-being. They demonstrate that they have detailed plans for providing children with a choice of healthy snacks and tea. They also understand how to positively manage children's behaviour.

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 discussed with the manager how they intend to offer support to children in the early years age group. A discussion was also held to determine how they intend to work with parents and carers as well as school teachers.
- The inspector carried out a tour of the areas of the setting to be used and discussed with the manager how they ensure the safety and suitability of these areas.
- The inspector discussed with the manager the resources and types of activities to be carried out with children.
- The inspector reviewed evidence of the suitability of all staff and a range of other documentation, including the safeguarding procedures.

### **Inspector**

Lynne Talbot

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY472328
<b>Local authority</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	995992
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	5 - 10
<b>Total number of places</b>	36
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	26
<b>Name of provider</b>	The Cookie Club Limited
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 May 2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	07719519578

The Cookie Club was registered in 2013. The provision employs eight members of staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The manager has a childcare qualification at level 5. The provision opens each Monday to Friday in term time only. Sessions are from 7.30am to 8.45am and from 3pm to 6.15pm.

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