

Zigzags @ St Patrick's Ltd

St Patrick's Primary School, Radnor Drive, SOUTHPORT, Merseyside, PR9 9RR



Inspection date

14 January 2016

Previous inspection date

2 April 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff plan a wide range of activities for children to take part in based on their interests and experiences. Children are encouraged to make choices and have a good range of stimulating resources to choose from.
- Children are happy and spend their time busily engaged in activities. They have formed positive relationships with staff and other children. This helps children to settle quickly and feel emotionally secure.
- Relationships with the host school are good. The manager discusses topics and planning with class teachers and uses this information to complement children's learning at the club.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff communicate with parents each day and share information about children's activities and interests. Parents are complimentary and say their children's needs are well met.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Systems in place for professional development do not yet focus strongly enough on raising the quality of staff practice to an even higher level.
- Self-evaluation is not always used effectively to identify specific priorities that would enhance the overall quality of the provision further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop the current programme of continuous professional development to ensure all staff are provided with personal targets to help enhance their existing knowledge and skills
- enhance the systems for self-evaluation to identify specific priorities for improvement to help continue to enhance the quality of the provision further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector was given a tour of the areas used by the club.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manger.
- The inspector observed the children involved in a range of activities both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector held a meeting with the provider and manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the setting's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents and children during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Nadine McCarthy

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff fully understand their responsibilities to protect children from harm. All staff have attend safeguarding and first-aid training. This helps to promote the safety and welfare of the children. Staff complete regular risk assessments for activities and equipment and practise fire evacuation procedures. The manager regularly updates the club's policies and procedures and provides staff with information about any changes to guidance or legislation. Children help to review the provision by completing questionnaires and sharing their views at the children's council meetings. The manager also seeks the views of parents as part of her self-evaluation. Staff benefit from regular supervision meetings and have the opportunity to discuss training needs and further professional development.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children enjoy their time at the club and have a good range of activities and resources to select independently. Staff warmly welcome children into the club and encourage them to share news and information about their day. Children have good opportunities to play imaginatively and creatively. Staff have recently reviewed the provision and developed a range of role-play experiences based on children's interests. Staff are enthusiastic and play alongside children, offering ideas and suggestions to help extend their play. They interact effectively with children and pose questions that encourage them to think and problem solve. Children enjoy taking part in fun group activities and number games. Staff discuss planning ideas with the class teachers at the host school and provide activities that support children's existing knowledge and skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children behave extremely well and treat each other with respect. Older children help to support some of the younger children and encourage them to take part in games and activities. Staff value children's opinions and include them in developing the club's rules. During the inspection children spoke confidently about the things they like to do. Staff are positive role models and provide clear messages about behaviour and boundaries. Children have good opportunities to be physically active and access the outdoor area. Staff organise the environment well and consider the different needs of the children who attend. Comfortable spaces are available for children to use who may want to rest, read a book or enjoy some quiet time. Staff help to promote children's independence and understanding of healthy lifestyles well. Children have opportunities to prepare their own snacks and cook simple meals. Staff plan activities that help children to learn about the wider world and value diversity.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY332753
Local authority	Sefton
Inspection number	862543
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	47
Name of provider	Zigzags @ St Patrick's Limited
Date of previous inspection	2 April 2012
Telephone number	07850 738 670 07841 867 912

Zigzags @ St Patrick's Ltd was registered in 2006. The club provides breakfast and after school provision for children attending St Patrick's Primary School. The club employs four members of childcare staff, three of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.55am and from 3.30pm until 6pm.

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