

Skool Kidz @ St. Marys Church Hall



St. Marys Church Hall, Darlington Street, Bath, Avon, BA2 4EB

Inspection date 26 January 2016
Previous inspection date 17 May 2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The quality of provision is excellent. Children have a wealth of lovely opportunities to play creatively. They engage in the activities on offer with extremely high levels of interest and enthusiasm.
- Children are enthralled with the play experiences available to them. They develop a real love of learning, which complements their time at school.
- Children behave exceptionally well. They help each other and develop very positive values and attitudes, treating each other with respect and kindness.
- Children benefit from outstanding professional development to improve staff practice further. For example, staff become specialists in their field, and share their expertise very effectively with the team. The manager is excellent at monitoring and evaluating the quality of children's experiences. As a result, the service constantly develops to reflect the needs of children and families.
- Children with additional needs are supported superbly. Staff plan activities in response to children's needs and interests, and this has a positive impact for all children.
- The manager has developed a strong and embedded relationship with their feeder schools. She promotes a culture of effective information sharing to promote continuity for children's care and learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop and enhance the outdoor play environment to support those children who prefer to play and explore outside.

Inspection activities

- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke with parents and considered their views.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation.
- The inspector held a leadership and management discussion with the manager.
- The inspector observed staff and their interactions with children.

Inspector

Angela Cogan

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff understand safeguarding procedures extremely well and promote fully the safety and well-being of all children. Staff take part in formal appraisal and supervision meetings. These are highly focused on identifying training needs that very effectively drive improvement forward. Staff and management provide a very caring and stimulating environment that has a very positive impact on children's development. Staff take inspiration from children's play to plan activities that thoroughly excite, motivate and engage children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff interactions with children are consistently very positive and of a very high standard. The manager and his team work hard to provide a range of excellent opportunities for children. For example, children used a huge lump of clay to make a group sculpture. They worked together really well and the older children consistently considered the feelings of the younger ones. Staff support children extremely well. They provide highly successful activities that really interest children. For example, children make their own pizzas for tea and think about which toppings will be the most delicious and nutritious.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children benefit from constant access to the garden after a busy day at school. The manager plans to improve this provision further and make the most of his team's breadth of outdoor experience and qualifications, to enhance children's enjoyment. Children develop an excellent understanding of healthy lifestyles. For example, they get lots of fresh air and exercise, and enjoy a wide range of nutritious foods for tea. Staff treat children with care and understanding. They listen carefully to children's ideas and respond extremely well to them when they need help. For example, children used clay to make a huge fruit bowl, eagerly making plans with staff to paint it the next day. Children solve problems and work extremely well together. They make choices and have superb opportunities to develop their independence. Partnerships with parents are exceptionally strong and this contributes to a shared approach to children's care needs. Children benefit from a very well-developed key-person system. This helps them feel valued and settled. Children demonstrate high levels of confidence; they are very happy and well cared for while they play.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY317344
Local authority	Bath & NE Somerset
Inspection number	847531
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 - 8
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	Skool Kidz Childcare Limited
Date of previous inspection	17 May 2010
Telephone number	0870 4587707

Skool Kidz at St Marys Church Hall registered in 2005. It is situated in central Bath. The club is open Monday to Friday, term time only, from 3.15pm to 6.30pm. The club employs six staff, five of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications at levels 2, 3, 4 or 5.

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