

# City Kids Playcentre

30 Union Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB2 1HE



## Inspection date

28 January 2016

Previous inspection date

26 February 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The provider has not notified Ofsted of a recent change to the manager of the club within the required timescales. Resignations from the committee have also not been notified to Ofsted.
- The provider was not able to confirm that all of the current members of the committee have completed the required documentation to enable Ofsted to carry out suitability checks, because required information was unavailable.
- The names, home addresses and telephone numbers of all the individuals who make up the management committee could not be made available at the inspection.

### It has the following strengths

- Children have good opportunities to make independent decisions about the activities they take part in. Staff listen to children's ideas and help them to carry them out, which helps promote their self-esteem and confidence.
- The club has an effective key-person system which helps children to develop secure emotional bonds.
- Children benefit from daily active exercise outdoors in the fresh air. They learn about healthy foods and enjoy a varied selection of breads, fruit and vegetables at snack time.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

### To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due Date
■ ensure all required information can be made available, including the name, home address and telephone number of each member of the committee and evidence that suitability checks have been completed	18/02/2016
■ inform Ofsted of a new manager of the childcare provision no later than 14 working days after the change occurs.	18/02/2016

### Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector observed the children at play and their interactions with staff.
- The inspector looked at the premises and the resources available to children.
- A range of documentation was looked at, including staff suitability and training, some policies and procedures and children's records.
- Discussions were held with a number of parents and their views and comments were taken into account.

### Inspector

Veronica Sharpe

## Inspection findings

### **Effectiveness of the leadership and management requires improvement**

The provider has not notified Ofsted of a recent change to the manager of the club. Appropriate checks have been carried out on the manager, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks. The manager is suitably qualified and experienced to carry out her responsibilities. Nonetheless, legal requirements have not been met. At the inspection, the names, home addresses and telephone numbers of all the individuals who make up the committee were not available. Resignations from the committee have not been notified to Ofsted. Additionally, confirmation that some committee members had submitted the required forms to Ofsted to complete the suitability process was not available. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. In spite of the provider's limited understanding of some legal requirements, children are cared for in a safe environment. Staff attend regular child protection training. They have a suitable understanding of the reporting procedures that help to protect children. The new manager has implemented staff meetings and is identifying training opportunities.

### **Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good**

Children have an enjoyable time at the club. They arrive in good spirits and settle quickly into their activities. They have plenty of choice from the varied and well-organised resources. Staff support the children in their play well. They allow children to be as independent as they like, but are ready to help and give advice if needed. They are playful with the children and join in their games. Fun games teach children about problem solving with others and the benefits of cooperation. They talk together about the best way to wrap up eggs in paper or card. Outside, they test out their ideas by seeing how far their creations can be thrown without breaking. Staff work with the school effectively as, for example, they follow class topics and support homework.

### **Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement**

The provider's lack of understanding of some of the requirements means that children's welfare might not be assured. Nevertheless, children develop secure bonds with staff. They behave well and older children play harmoniously with younger ones. They show caring attitudes towards one another as they help each other prepare and serve their snacks. Staff talk to parents about their children's activities and ensure they are informed about any incidents or accidents. Parents say they are pleased with the club and feel their children are safe and well cared for. Many children are reluctant to leave, asking if they can stay a little longer to finish what they are doing. Staff help to keep children safe by being vigilant indoors and outdoors.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	221713
<b>Local authority</b>	Cambridgeshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	1028030
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	4 - 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	45
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	68
<b>Name of provider</b>	City Kids Playcentre Committee
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	26 February 2013
<b>Telephone number</b>	07545 899 258

City Kids Playcentre opened in 1995 and is located in a community hall next to the St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire. The club is open five days a week during school term times from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm. The club employs four members of staff. Of these, one holds a relevant qualification at level 5. One member of staff is working towards a qualification at level 3.

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