Lady Modifords Out of School Club



Lady Modiford's School, Walkhampton, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6JR

Inspection date	16 March 2016
Previous inspection date	21 July 2015

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The provider uses self-evaluation well to identify areas to improve the provision. For example, he is considering how to further improve children's safety and make best use of staff's time when transporting children between the school sites. The manager visits other settings to gain new ideas and develop her knowledge.
- Partnerships with parents are strong. For example, staff keep parents informed of their children's general experiences to enable consistent care arrangements.
- Staff routinely join in with children's conversations, listening carefully and responding sensitively. They ask questions and give children time to think and solve problems. Children are confident communicators.
- Children feel relaxed with the friendly staff and have a strong sense of security and belonging. They settle quickly on arrival, and they remain occupied and engaged in their chosen activities throughout the session.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not organise the broad range of resources effectively to encourage children to try new experiences and build on their ideas and existing skills.
- Staff do not make best use of opportunities to enable children to be independent and practise self-care skills. For example, staff do not involve children in the preparation, cooking and serving of snack food.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the organisation of resources to improve how children use them, to support children to make independent choices in what they play with and try out new skills
- provide even more opportunities for children to manage tasks independently throughout the session.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play and staff's interactions with them.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including staff's suitability records and training certificates.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider and manager about the safety arrangements, policies and procedures, and how the self-evaluation of the provision supports improvements.

Inspector

Sarah Madge

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager monitors the provision well. She regularly meets with staff to provide support and encourage training. Staff are committed to developing their skills and knowledge. For instance, a member of staff is waiting to start an appropriate level 2 qualification. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff are clear about what to do in the event of a child protection concern. The staff team implements procedures effectively to promote children's welfare, such as meeting and escorting all children to the hall after school. The provider uses robust recruitment and vetting procedures to assess the suitability of new staff to work with children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan activities based on children's interests. For example, they provided resources to encourage children to make and decorate Easter cards, knowing that children enjoy arts and crafts. Staff promote the skills that children need to be effective learners at school. They know when to step back so that children can develop their independence and lead their own play and learning. For instance, a member of staff supported a child to start a jigsaw puzzle but then left them to complete it alone. This successfully developed the child's confidence and sense of achievement. There are effective links with schools. This helps staff to support children's individual needs well and complement their learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff routinely praise and encourage children's efforts and achievements, which helps to build children's self-esteem. The older and younger children play together well, sharing the resources on offer and offering to help each other. For example, older children showed a younger child how to rub heat-sensitive pictures on a jigsaw puzzle to reveal hidden animals. This helps children to learn the social skills to form friendships. Staff encourage children to use good manners during their time at the club, and they promote a culture of mutual respect. They effectively promote children's good health. For instance, they give children choices about what they want to eat and drink from the healthy range on offer, and remind them to wash their hands before eating.

Setting details

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Type of provision Out of school provision

Day care typeChildcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 5 - 8

Total number of places 22

Number of children on roll 0

Name of provider The Hangout Club Committee

Date of previous inspection 21 July 2015

Telephone number 01822 853 277

Lady Modiford's Out of School Club registered in 1999 and operates from the hall of Lady Modiford's School in the village of Walkhampton, Devon. Children from the nearby federated school can also attend. The club operates from 7.30am to 8.35am and 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during term times. It employs three members of staff, two of whom are appropriately qualified to at least level 3.

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