

Play In Dore

Totley Rise Methodist Church, Grove Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S17 4DJ



Inspection date	15 March 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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

- The club is welcoming and stimulating. Children feel secure and confidently express themselves. Staff interact well with all children and support them to become involved in a wide range of activities.
- Children's behaviour is good. They decide the club rules for themselves and have put clear and consistent boundaries in place. Children's thoughts and ideas are valued as staff genuinely care about their opinions and take them on board. Children have opportunities to relax, play and have fun in their club.
- Good partnerships with parents ensure detailed information is gathered when children start. Staff get to know individual children and their families well. This helps to promote children's emotional well-being as their individual needs are fully understood and met.
- Practice is underpinned by robust policies and procedures. Staff share these with the parents so they are aware of what the club provides.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not regularly extend opportunities for children to develop a positive awareness and understanding of people, families and communities beyond their own experiences.
- The manager evaluates the service she provides. However, she has not found entirely successful ways to involve staff in the process.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the opportunities provided for children to enable them to develop an understanding about people, families and communities beyond their own experiences
- establish a method that encourages staff to express their views about the provision and helps to identify ways that the club can be improved even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the playrooms and the outside area.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager of the club.
- The inspector accompanied staff to collect children from the local school.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff working with children, the manager's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.
- The inspector spoke to a small selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Ruth Moore

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager and her staff team are very enthusiastic and understand their legal responsibilities to meet statutory requirements. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff can recognise the signs and symptoms of possible abuse and they know how to record and report concerns regarding a child's welfare. Recruitment and vetting procedures are robust. Staff work together well to ensure that children's safety is fully promoted at all times. This includes staff walking back with children from the local schools. Visitors have their identity checked before entry and are asked to sign in. The manager supports the well-qualified staff with their professional development, through regular discussions and by identifying training needs. This helps to develop staff knowledge and improve their practice further. The manager and staff work closely with the local primary schools. Relevant information is shared so that every child's needs are consistently met.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The club complements children's learning at school and extends their social skills, creative thinking and imagination. Staff use their knowledge of children's interests to provide a good variety of play opportunities. Children thoroughly enjoy taking part in a science project to make a hovercraft out of a collection of everyday materials. Children develop good communication skills and extend their vocabulary as staff challenge them to think critically about their ideas. Many of the children are creative and delight in making Easter cards and pictures for a competition. Staff regularly share information with parents about the activities that their children have enjoyed doing. They effectively promote continuity of care for children as they speak with parents when they arrive, conveying key messages from schools. Parents speak extremely highly of the services offered at the club and praise the staff team for the activities provided.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are at the centre of this energetic out-of-school club. Staff have built secure relationships with children, who are eager to share their daily experiences and achievements from school. Children play very well together across the differing age groups and older children are positive role models. Children learn about a healthy diet as they are provided with nutritious snacks, including fresh fruit, which is readily available. Daily opportunities to be physically active are well planned. Children have access to a secure adjoining outside play area as well as being able to use a garden where they are growing vegetables. Children show their enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the club sessions. They confidently manage tasks for themselves and build their independence.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY484807
Local authority	Sheffield
Inspection number	1002390
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 - 10
Total number of places	15
Number of children on roll	55
Name of provider	Niala Anjum Haq
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07592112520

Play In Dore was registered in 2014. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 3pm until 6.30pm.

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