

Breakaway Club

North Smethwick Development Trust, Brasshouse, Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick,
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Inspection date	28 July 2016
Previous inspection date	30 October 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
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 are vigilant about children's safety. They carry out regular risk assessments to identify potential hazards.
- Staff have strong links with the schools that the early years children attend which enables them to build on and reinforce what children are learning at school. The key-person system is effective. Staff make sure children's individual needs are met consistently. This helps to ensure children are happy and benefit from attending the club.
- Children are happy, confident and keen to join in the activities at the club. They are greeted enthusiastically by the warm and friendly staff, with whom they develop strong bonds.
- Children have a good knowledge of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. They talk about how they enjoy growing and eating their own vegetables and fruit. Children have opportunities every day for physical exercise and follow good hygiene practices.
- The manager seeks the views of staff, parents and children to help her identify areas to develop further. She is quick to implement improvements and strives to maintain good standards.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not support children enough to develop their ideas and lead their own learning.
- Staff do not always communicate and model language well enough for children to understand the correct use of grammar.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more opportunities for children to explore their ideas and make decisions about what they want to play with
- demonstrate to children how to use grammar correctly.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used by the club.
- The inspector observed activities in the indoor play areas.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager. She spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a selection of children's records, policies and procedures, the club's self-evaluation and a range of other documentation.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff's suitability, qualifications and training.
- The inspector spoke to a selection of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Karen Laycock

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. There are robust recruitment and vetting procedures in place that help to ensure all staff are suitable to work with children. Staff know the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and how and where to report any concerns they may have about a child in their care. Staff are committed to ensuring children's safety. They supervise them well at all times. The manager works closely with staff to identify areas where they can improve their skills further, such as through training. Weaknesses raised at the last inspection have been successfully addressed. The manager uses self-evaluation well. For example, she organises daily briefings at the end of each day to reflect on the activities and service provided. Parents are very complimentary about the good care and support their children receive. Comments include, 'My child loves the activities and staff' and, 'The staff are really friendly and caring'.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children in the early years age group are well supported by the friendly and enthusiastic staff. Staff plan fun and stimulating activities that motivate and engage children. There is a good variety of experiences for children to develop their creativity and imagination. Children are focused for long periods as they design and create their favourite characters using a variety of creative resources. They are encouraged to write for a purpose. For example, children make lists of items they need as they enjoy role play in the pretend supermarket. Children talk about and look forward to their daily visit to the local park and other trips out in the community. Children enjoy team games in the hall where they have plenty of space to be physically active. Throughout the club, children are engaged, motivated and they make good use of the environment.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children comment on how much they enjoy their time in the club. They say that they look forward to spending time with their friends. Staff encourage children to be independent. For example, children are responsible for organising their own belongings when they arrive at the club. Children learn about healthy eating and enjoy attending cookery classes that support their learning. Children are kind and considerate to each other. For example, they happily take turns when playing games. Older children encourage their younger friends to join in their play, offering gentle reminders regarding club rules when necessary. Children are respectful and polite to visitors, staff and each others. Their behaviour is good. Children show maturity and confidence in being assertive in appropriate situations. Staff are kind and attentive towards children. They offer praise and encouragement for their efforts as well as their achievements. This helps to build their self-esteem and to foster children's 'try again' attitude.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY341503
Local authority	Sandwell
Inspection number	1041407
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	5 - 13
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	58
Name of registered person	North Smethwick Development Trust
Registered person unique reference number	RP526527
Date of previous inspection	30 October 2014
Telephone number	0121 555 5672

Breakaway Club was registered in 2005. The club employs 11 members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3; two at level 6 and one with qualified teacher status. The club opens from Monday to Friday during school holidays. Sessions are from 9am until 4.30pm on Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4pm on Friday.

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