

More Play More Often Community Interest Company

Edgeley Children's Play Centre, Cheadle Old Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 9RQ

Inspection date

Previous inspection date

5 August 2016

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

- Managers have created a child-centred environment that is welcoming, calm and extremely inclusive. Children flourish and enjoy their time at the club.
- Staff have a very positive attitude towards meeting the individual needs of all children, including adapting the care for those who require additional support. They work closely with parents to exchange information regularly. Children benefit from these positive relationships.
- Children play happily in a relaxed, friendly and calm atmosphere. Staff demonstrate warmth and affection towards children, who have developed secure attachments to them.
- Children enjoy choosing their own activities. They keenly explore the many interesting areas within the club. Staff are deployed well and help children to settle into and engage in activities they enjoy.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The systems used to monitor the quality of the club and to actively seek the views of all parents are not yet highly effective to help bring about even greater improvements at the club.
- Partnerships with schools that children attend are not yet highly focused on providing even greater continuity for children.

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 existing good methods used to monitor the quality of the club and further embed more effectively within practice the contributions from all parents
- develop an ever greater collaborative approach to working in partnership with teachers at the schools where children attend to further enhance continuity for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at areas of the premises that are used by the club, including the outdoor area.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as policies and procedures and the club's self-evaluation, and checked evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents as recorded in some recent written questionnaires.
- The inspector held discussions with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors.

Inspector

Helen Gaze

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager ensures all staff have undergone suitability checks and that they understand their role in keeping children safe. All staff have a thorough understanding of the procedures to follow if they have a concern regarding a child's welfare. Secure risk assessment procedures are in place that help to minimise potential risks and keep children safe from harm. The security of the premises is good. Staff are vigilant and provide children with gentle reminders of how to keep themselves safe. Regular supervision meetings help improve staff practice and identify training needs. This helps to ensure staff have the skills and training to support them in their roles. For example, some staff are working towards a recognised childcare qualification.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children enjoy their time at the club. The effective and well-qualified staff team is attentive to the needs of all children. Staff use their skills and knowledge well to thoughtfully plan and prepare activities that help to engage and motivate children. This helps children develop new skills and builds on what they already know and can do. Children particularly enjoy craft activities that allow them to investigate and experiment with different media and materials. They benefit from opportunities to refine their physical skills as they use tools, such as scissors, to create various collages. Children play with small-world models and initiate their own imaginative stories and role play scenarios. Staff sensitively join in with children's play, extending their interests through discussions and recalling previous experiences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children and their families enjoy positive experiences at the club. Staff invite new parents and their children into the club and arrange flexible settling-in visits before children start. This helps enable a smooth transition and children are happy and settled. Children are well supported to develop friendships and socialise with their friends. Older and younger children play well together and are sensitive to the needs of others. They enjoy a range of activities and experiences aimed at promoting positive images of themselves and others. Children are polite, well mannered and caring. Staff act as very good role models and are calm and consistent when dealing with children. Outdoors, children take part in small-group games with their friends. They demonstrate very good concentration and negotiation skills as they work out teams and plan strategies.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY483107
Local authority	Stockport
Inspection number	1001149
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	3 - 14
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	132
Name of registered person	More Play More Often Community Interest Company
Registered person unique reference number	RP534111
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0161 474 4471

More Play More Often Community Interest Company was registered in November 2014. The club employs 16 members of childcare staff, 14 of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The club operates Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm during term time and from 8am to 6pm during school holidays.

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