Little Gems Afterschool Club



Glenfrome Primary School, Cottisford Road, Bristol, BS5 6TY

Inspection date Previous inspection date	6 October 2016 2 April 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

- Following the previous inspection, the manager has made good use of training and support to raise the quality of provision. She provides good support for staff to gain qualifications, extend their professional development and develop the quality of teaching.
- The manager uses good systems of self-evaluation including seeking parents' feedback, to continue to identify ways in which they can develop the setting's practice even further.
- Staff now seek good information from parents and meet with teachers to know children's interests and abilities. This helps them plan appropriate activities that challenge and motivate children.
- Children behave well. Staff have attended training and implemented good strategies to support children in resolving any conflict for themselves. Children have strong relationships and they purposefully engage in the activities together.
- Children are confident communicators. Staff help them to listen to each other, take turns in discussions and learn that others may have different opinions to their own.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Sometimes, staff provide children with solutions to problems too quickly and do not give them time to find ways to solve problems for themselves.
- Staff do not actively encourage children to contribute their ideas and suggestions for activities, to motivate their participation further.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- help children to think about and solve problems for themselves
- provide children with more effective opportunities to contribute their own ideas about what they would like to do.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and the quality of teaching indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with the manager and carried out a joint observation.
- The inspector took account of the group's self-evaluation, and spoke with parents, staff and children.
- The inspector checked safeguarding information and the safety of the premises.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including policies and procedures, information for parents and planning.

Inspector

Elaine Douglas

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Following the previous inspection, the manager has ensured that all staff have been re-trained to understand all safeguarding procedures. They know what to do to protect children from harm, including if there should be an allegation against the manager. They know their responsibilities to prevent children from being drawn into situations which may harm them. Staff who collect children from school hold paediatric first-aid qualifications to protect children's well-being. Staff carry out good risk assessments and daily checks to keep children safe. The manager holds regular meetings with her staff to discuss children's progress and to know how they can support them further. The manager ensures that agency staff understand their responsibilities and know how to meet the children's needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff take account of children's different interests, abilities and preferences for learning, to ensure they meet children's needs. Children have a good variety of activities to choose from and have fun in a stimulating environment. Staff incorporate school topics into the planning, using fun ways to support children's development. For example, children follow instructions and use their imagination to make phonics wands for reading. Staff notice what the children are interested in and join in with their games. They provide good playmates so children sustain their interests and persevere. For example, a member of staff helps children to weave, providing guidance until they can manage it independently. Staff provide good support for children's imagination and creativity. For example, they make up stories in small-world play and children dress up to take on roles.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children arrive happy and settle immediately. Staff ensure that children new to the club feel secure. They implement a buddy system to help children build strong friendships and know the routines. Staff have made changes to the way they organise resources to enable children to make greater choices and lead their play. They provide a cosy area for children to relax and use books. Staff are good role models for children to gain a positive attitude to people's differences and support equality. Children develop healthy practices as part of their routines. For example, they explain how they must wash their hands before they can have a snack. They make healthy choices from the wide range of snacks and drink plenty of water. Children have good opportunities to be outdoors and understand the importance of exercise. They climb safely under supervision and run around with enthusiasm.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY442446	
Local authority	Bristol City	
Inspection number	1060872	
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 - 8	
Total number of places	32	
Number of children on roll	7	
Name of registered person	Sheila Kaur	
Registered person unique reference number	RP515603	
Date of previous inspection	2 April 2014	
Telephone number	07903264988	

Little Gems Afterschool Club registered in 2012. It operates from Glenfrome Primary School in Bristol. It runs from 3.15pm until 5.30pm on Monday to Friday, during school terms. Children attend from Glenfrome Primary School and May Park Primary School. There are four members of staff. Of these, one holds an early years qualification at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2. One member of staff is working towards an early years qualification at level 3.

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