

The Valley Kids Club at Whickham Parochial Primary



Whickham Parochial Primary School, Broadway, Whickham, NEWCASTLE UPON
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Inspection date	4 October 2016
Previous inspection date	28 September 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 well qualified and experienced. Overall, they use their skills and knowledge well to support young children to learn and the quality of their teaching is good.
- Self-evaluation is good. The manager is supported well by the area manager of the out-of-school club to identify aspects of the provision that require further improvement. Regular feedback from parents and staff enhances this process further.
- Children are provided with good opportunities to share their views and opinions about the out-of-school club. This raises children's self-confidence and helps them to feel a valued part of the provision.
- Children are supported well to develop their independence skills. They take part in a wide variety of tasks, such as serving their own food and pouring drinks during mealtimes.
- Good opportunities are provided for children to acquire appreciation and respect for their own and other cultures.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always promptly obtain information from parents regarding what they know about their child's interests before they begin at the club.
- Children who prefer to learn outdoors are, sometimes, less well supported to play.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the system for parents to share information about their child's interests before they start at the club
- extend opportunities for outdoor play and support children who prefer to learn outdoors even more effectively.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at and discussed relevant documentation, such as self-evaluation and evidence of the arrangements for checking the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Nicola Jones

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff are able to describe the signs and symptoms that would alert them to possible concerns about a child's welfare. They know who to contact should they need further support and guidance. The manager demonstrates a proactive approach to keeping children safe. She continually reviews her policies and procedures, making any amendments to practice, if these are required. Overall, the manager maintains a good overview of the activities provided for children. She ensures information gathered from teachers in the school children also attend is used well to complement their learning in school. Staff are supported well in the out-of-school club. Good arrangements are in place, such as supervision, ongoing discussions and training opportunities, for staff to share their ideas and practice. New systems to observe staff have been introduced recently. Although they are still in their infancy, they aim to improve the effectiveness of staff interactions with children further.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff observe children as they play and interact with their peers in the out-of-school club. This information is used well, overall, to plan further activities that support children and complement their learning in school. Partnerships with teachers in the school where children also attend are strong. Regular discussions ensure the support offered to children in the club is focused sufficiently on their individual needs. Additional guidance from external professionals is incorporated into planning, if appropriate, to support children's needs further. Children are articulate communicators who listen well and are motivated to contribute to discussions. They enjoy group times when staff encourage them to share what they have been doing outside of the club. This enhances their language skills and helps children to build on the skills they develop in school. Generally, good use is made of the outdoor area. Children have access to the large school playground where they practise their ball skills and skilfully manoeuvre hoops.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The manager and staff team provide a warm, stimulating and welcoming environment for children. This helps children to form good attachments and supports their emotional well-being. Children enjoy socialising with their older peers in the club. They are happy for them to join in when they play. Although they have only been attending for a relatively short period, younger children show increasing confidence and contribute comments that enhance the play and develop relationships with others further. Children's physical well-being and good health are supported well in the out-of-school club. Routines such as regular handwashing are encouraged and children are provided with daily opportunities to be physically active outdoors. Children's behaviour is good. This is because staff provide clear and consistent rules and boundaries so that children can play, feeling safe and secure. This information is shared with parents, to maintain a joint approach.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY443565
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	1060048
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 - 11
Total number of places	42
Number of children on roll	85
Name of registered person	Team Valley Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP911666
Date of previous inspection	28 September 2012
Telephone number	07511970305

The Valley Kids Club at Whickham Parochial Primary School was registered in 2012. The club employs three members of childcare staff. All staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and above. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am until 9am and 3.15pm until 6pm.

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