Barley Barn Club Epping

Epping Primary School, Coronation Hill, Epping, CM16 5DU



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Inspection date19 October 2016Previous inspection date22 April 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Met

Previous inspection:

Requires

Improvement

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- Since the last inspection, the provider and the new staff team have worked well together to make positive changes. The previous action and recommendations raised have been effectively addressed. For example, there are now delegated members of staff responsible for younger children to help them enjoy their time at the club.
- Senior staff members are very experienced. They know how to complement children's learning at school through fun and interesting activities. For example, staff have developed the outdoor play area to help children enjoy this space. This now includes growing areas, den-building opportunities and magnifying pots to help children explore mini-beasts.
- The provider follows safe recruitment procedures and employ well-qualified staff who are experienced in providing out-of-school activities. This is supported by an induction programme, appraisals and supervisions. Staff are encouraged to attend training and share this with all the team.
- The provider and the manager have a clear understanding of their role and responsibility to safeguard children. Staff attend regular training and new information is cascaded to all of the team, so that they are aware of current legislation. They are made aware of the procedures to follow if they have concerns about the welfare of a child.
- The provider and the manager recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and with teachers from the school where children attend. Parents of older children attending say that their children enjoy coming to the club. They say that they receive a lot of information about the service provided.
- The manager and staff understand the importance of obtaining information about children's interests, medical background and dietary requirements. Since the last inspection, they have implemented a system to help staff and children easily identify food allergies and preferences.
- Older children attending the club on the day of inspection state that they enjoy coming and that they have fun at the club. For example, they like dressing up, making different items from clay and taking part in quizzes.
- Self-evaluation demonstrates that managers and staff have a positive attitude to the development of the provision. They have identified further areas to develop, such as reviewing the current menus so that children have more variety at teatime.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of all areas to be used by children. She discussed how the club operates and viewed the resources offered. The inspector spoke to some parents and to older children present at the inspection.
- The inspector had in-depth discussions with members of the senior staff team. These related to their knowledge and understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare, and learning and development.
- The inspector looked at a sample of policies, including the safeguarding procedures and discussed how staff intend to use these. She also checked evidence of staff's suitability and their qualifications.
- The inspector discussed self-evaluation and plans for improvement with the provider and the manager.

Inspector

Maura Pigram

Setting details

Unique reference number EY484926

Local authority Essex

Inspection number 1058612

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 24

Number of children on roll 0

Name of registered person

AllGold Investments Ltd

Registered person unique

reference number

RP900831

Date of previous inspection 22 April 2016

Telephone number 01992 522400

Barley Barn Club Epping was registered in 2014. It is one of several provisions operated by the provider. The club employs four members of childcare staff. They all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The club opens everyday during school term times. Sessions are from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm.

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