

Shining Stars Kids Club

Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred, Grays, Essex, RM16 6SA



Inspection date	5 December 2016
Previous inspection date	14 February 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	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

- Children have fun in the out-of-school club. They take part in a broad range of activities that supports and extends their imagination, creativity and physical skills.
- The manager and staff have worked hard to make the necessary improvements since the last inspection. They ensure that the safeguarding policy and procedures, including the use of mobile phones and cameras, are strictly adhered to.
- Children form strong bonds with the staff and each other, demonstrating that they are happy and settled. Older children offer support and guidance to younger children when required.
- Children are supported well to develop their independence skills. They help with routine tasks, such as laying the table, and pour their own drinks at mealtimes.
- The partnerships with the teaching staff at the local primary schools are well established. There are effective arrangements for sharing information, or passing on messages for parents, at the end of each school day.
- Staff involve children in discussing and devising the club's rules and boundaries for behaviour. This helps them know what is expected of them.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although staff gather essential information from parents to enable them to deal with children's care needs, they are not yet obtaining helpful details about the new children's interests and capabilities to enhance the planning of activities from the outset.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- obtain more information about children's interests and capabilities when they join the club and use this to strengthen the activity planning and enhance children's enjoyment of activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in activities in the indoor play environment.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the registered provider, who also acts as the manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the registered provider, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed evidence of the suitability and qualifications of the staff, risk assessments and policies and procedures.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Patricia Champion

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The provider and staff have a secure understanding of child protection issues and the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child. Staff are vigilant about the security of the children. They supervise children's play effectively to help keep them safe. Staff use thorough risk assessments to identify and minimise potential hazards. There are reliable arrangements to collect children from their classrooms at the end of the school day. Children are always accompanied by staff when they leave the clubroom and walk to other areas of the school. Robust recruitment and rigorous vetting procedures ensure staff are suitable. Staff evaluate activities, review policies and have regular meetings with the provider, which enables them to continually improve their practice. They are encouraged to build on their qualifications and update their knowledge and skills. Staff complete online training courses and attend in-house training events at the other nurseries run by the provider.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children enter the club enthusiastically. They are actively encouraged to make choices about what they would like to do and they select additional resources to extend their ideas. A good blend of adult-led activities and child-initiated play is offered each session. Staff interact well and involve themselves in children's games. Children show high levels of concentration, determination and perseverance. They enjoy working collaboratively as they make intricate models with construction toys. They enjoy decorating biscuits and create original designs. Children are confident communicators and show pride in their creations. They are keen to show the greetings cards and pictures they make with staff and visitors. Children are supported to write clearly as they make notes and messages to take home. Daily feedback ensures parents are kept informed about the organisation of the club and the planned activities. Parents can also enter the room to collect their children and use this time to observe them in their play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff create a friendly and relaxed atmosphere where children feel welcome. Key persons explain the routines to help support new children as they settle into the club. Children learn to respect and celebrate each other's differences. They use a range of resources that portrays positive images of diversity and teaches them about people and communities in the wider world. The staff overcome the constraints regarding the current room the club is using well. As the club does not have a dedicated outdoor area, children are taken on outings to the nearby tennis courts and local park to ensure they have opportunities to exercise and participate in more energetic physical play. All children show an understanding of the importance of following good personal hygiene routines. Regular fire drills also help them understand how to swiftly evacuate the premises in an emergency in order to keep themselves safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY239846
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	1041299
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	26
Number of children on roll	15
Name of registered person	Dorothy Bello
Registered person unique reference number	RP908728
Date of previous inspection	14 February 2013
Telephone number	01375 484589 07768294933

Shining Stars Kids Club was registered in 2002 and is one of three settings run by the same individual owner. The out-of-school club employs three members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds a relevant qualification at level 3 and one holds level 2. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 7am until 9am and from 3.30pm until 6.30pm.

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