

Buddies Club

Freelands Grove, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3LH



Inspection date	18 January 2017
Previous inspection date	21 October 2013

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 develop good partnerships with parents and the schools that children attend. They share information daily with parents and school staff, and receive valuable support and advice, to enhance consistency in children's care.
- Children enjoy their time in the club. There is a wide range of resources and planned activities that enables them to play and explore. Children's behaviour is good.
- Staff encourage parents to share information with the club. They receive detailed feedback from staff about their children's welfare.
- The provider's arrangements for monitoring staff practice and the quality of the provision are effective. All staff have opportunities to improve their personal effectiveness and the quality of children's experiences.
- Staff support children well to lead healthy lifestyles and learn about hygiene. Children enjoy daily physical activities, fresh air and healthy snacks.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not use all opportunities to encourage children to manage some simple tasks by themselves, to help them develop higher levels of independence.
- Develop and extend children's creative interests, for example, through the art and craft materials they enjoy using.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to practise doing more everyday things for themselves, to enhance their independence even further
- strengthen opportunities for children to choose the resources they need to enjoy their activities, to develop their interests even more.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the club, looked at the resources available to children and talked with staff and children at appropriate times.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and looked at records, including evidence of staff suitability, training records, and some policies and procedures.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector discussed the provider's self-evaluation and plans for improvement with the manager.
- The inspector carried out an observation of children playing, with the deputy manager.

Inspector

Marvet Gayle

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Staff are well experienced and have worked at the club for a number of years, so provide good stability in children's care. The manager ensures staff are involved with improvements to the club that benefit the children. For example, since the last inspection, staff have provided a cosy area in which children can relax and improved snack time routines. The manager effectively evaluates and monitors the quality of the club, to implement clear development plans. For example, staff receive regular support, continuing professional development and training, to improve children's play experiences and enjoyment. Safeguarding is effective. Staff understand the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child. Vetting procedures help ensure all staff working with children are suitable. Staff are well deployed to help support children's enjoyment and well-being. Parents comment they are happy with the quality of care provided for their children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff obtain useful information from parents before children start at the club, to understand what their children like to do. They provide enjoyable activities that excite children and motivate them to play. For example, children are very engaged and focused as they make different structures from construction toys. Staff encourage children to be confident communicators and ask questions to help them share their ideas with each other and solve problems together. Children count and talk about colours and shapes as they enjoy their interactions. Staff encourage a range of play experiences that enhances children's enthusiasm and turn-taking skills. Children are supported well for the future.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff help children to form good relationships with each other. Children are happy and settled in the club. Staff are calm and responsive to children's individual needs and fully support their emotional well-being. Children enthusiastically arrive at the club and talk eagerly with staff and other children about their day. They are comfortable and relaxed as they move around the club. Staff have a good awareness of daily routines in the schools children attend and use these well to create continuity for children. For example, children have the opportunity to continue their involvement in school events and activities before coming to the club. Older children play with the younger children well and they are thoughtful, caring and tolerant of others. They listen to each other respectfully and have good manners. Staff help children to be aware of the rules and boundaries of the club to help them understand expectations and keep safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY468605
Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	1063567
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	30
Number of children on roll	35
Name of registered person	Tracy Margaret Flynn
Registered person unique reference number	RP515694
Date of previous inspection	21 October 2013
Telephone number	07956587009

Buddies Club registered in 2013 and is privately owned. The club is located in the London Borough of Bromley. The setting provides a breakfast club and an after-school club that are open each weekday from 7.40am to 8.30am and from 3pm to 6pm, during term time only. The provider employs six staff on a full-time and part-time basis. Two staff, including the provider, hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3.

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