

Barley Barn Club Loughton

Alderton County Infant School, Alderton Hall Lane, Loughton, IG10 3HE



Inspection date

21 February 2017

Previous inspection date

18 April 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- Since the last inspection, the provider and the manager have worked well together to ensure that policies and legal requirements are well known and implemented effectively. The previous action and recommendations raised have been effectively addressed. For example, senior management are more aware of the need to inform the regulator of any changes that have an impact on children's care.
- The manager demonstrates enthusiasm for delivering a good quality service. She is well supported in her role by the senior management team, including the provider. Together, they have identified areas to develop, such as a review of the organisation of teatime. They plan to continually reflect on practice to help ensure children have good experiences while attending the club.
- The manager and staff have a clear understanding of their role and responsibility to safeguard children. They attend regular training to keep up to date with current legislation. Staff show through discussion that they are aware of the procedures to follow if they have concerns about the welfare of a child.
- The manager describes the activities that she and the staff provide for younger children. They know how to use children's interests to engage them in play that they enjoy, such as creative activities.
- The manager recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents and with teachers from the school children attend. Parents of older children who come to the club are complimentary about the service provided. They say that their children enjoy joining in with the various activities on offer.
- The manager and staff describe how they help children to behave well and to be considerate to each other. They describe how they plan to involve children in the decision making about acceptable rules and expectations.
- Older children say that they like coming to the club and the staff are nice to them. They like playing ball games with their friends and making items from craft materials that they can take home.
- The provider follows safe recruitment procedures. An induction programme is in place to help staff understand their roles and responsibilities. The manager completes appraisal and supervision meetings and staff training is encouraged.

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 the manager, staff and members of the senior management team. She also spoke to some parents and to older children present at the inspection.
- 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 plans for improvement with the management team.

Inspector

Maura Pigram

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY484440
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	1058611
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	30
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	AllGold Investments Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP900831
Date of previous inspection	18 April 2016
Telephone number	01753 201122

Barley Barn Club Loughton was registered in 2015 and operates from Alderton School. The setting employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 8am until 9am and from 3pm until 6pm.

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