

Sunlights and Twilights

Whitegate C of E Primary School, Whitegate Road, Whitegate, NORTHWICH,
Cheshire, CW8 2AY



Inspection date

Previous inspection date

7 March 2017

17 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 are highly motivated and committed to making sure children have an enjoyable time at the club.
- The environment is stimulating. Staff provide a wide range of toys and equipment which enables children to make choices about their play.
- The partnership with school is strong. The manager ensures that experiences offered to the children positively complement those offered in school.
- Staff have a good understanding of how children learn. Children's physical development is promoted effectively. Children use the well-equipped outdoor space to climb, balance and use coordination skills.
- Staff have a good understanding of what children need after a busy day at school. They provide resources that link to children's current interests. Children play and have fun as they invite staff to join in with their games.
- Staff give a high priority to children's safety. Supervision of children is well organised as they move around the school building and grounds. Children understand the boundaries in place to keep themselves safe.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager does not make the best use of evaluation to help staff raise their practice to a higher level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the already good practice and use self-evaluation even more effectively to seek further ways to develop first-rate practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities indoors and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lesley Bott

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Safeguarding policies and procedures are consistently implemented by staff, who make sure children are kept safe at all times. Staff are fully aware of the signs and symptoms that may raise concerns about a child's welfare. They are confident in the action they must take to report any concerns. Robust recruitment, vetting and ongoing suitability checks are in place. This helps to ensure adults are suitable to work with children. The effective partnership working with the host school has resulted in good access to school resources and information. Parents and children speak very positively about the club, the activities provided and the helpful and caring staff. Good two-way communication between staff and parents helps contribute to meeting children's needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children have fun and thoroughly enjoy their time at the club. Staff place a strong emphasis on the importance of extending children's personal, social and emotional development. This supports them well as they move forward in their learning at school. Staff promote children's communication and language skills well. They enthusiastically join in with children's conversations, encouraging them to think and work things out for themselves. This helps to support and enhance children's language development. Children are encouraged to follow their own ideas and interests as staff effectively recognise what children like to do. They particularly enjoy art and craft activities and are provided with lots of opportunities to draw and make models. Children use materials to make paper aeroplanes, competing against each other in which one can go the fastest or furthest.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The club is organised effectively and has a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. As a result, children are happy, confident and have a strong sense of belonging. Staff listen to children and take on board their ideas and comments to improve the club. This makes the children feel special and valued as they contribute to activities offered. Children are familiar with the daily routine. They know to wash their hands before eating and to sit at the table for meals and drinks. Children are provided with a variety of freshly prepared snacks and food which encourages them to eat healthily. Children sit together during mealtimes and listen to each other as they talk about their day. They serve themselves and staff encourage them to take responsibility as they clear away after their meals. Children are encouraged to understand how exercise helps them to stay healthy. They are provided with a good variety of indoor and outdoor activities to enable them to take part in physical play. Children are well behaved. They understand what is expected of them because staff explain rules and boundaries clearly to them. This includes ensuring children behave safely and sensibly as they play together, sharing and taking turns with favourite resources.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY401437
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	1065452
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	50
Number of children on roll	89
Name of registered person	Victoria Joan Barlow
Registered person unique reference number	RP906772
Date of previous inspection	17 October 2013
Telephone number	01606 288080

Sunlights and Twilights was registered in 2009. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or 4, including one with qualified teacher status. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.50am and 3.15pm until 6pm. In the school summer holidays it operates from 8am to 6pm for the first three weeks.

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