

Lask Childcare Services

Our Ladys Rc Junior school, Henshaw Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2BE



Inspection date	13 March 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 are happy and engaged at the club. They take an active part in the planning of the activities and enjoy making decisions about what they want to do.
- Staff get to know children well. They have a good overview of children's abilities and the activities provided. Any children requiring additional support are given the help they need.
- The provider and staff work closely together as a team. They communicate well and deploy themselves effectively to meet all children's needs. Children benefit from the freedom to play either indoors or outdoors.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff speak with parents daily to exchange relevant information to support children's individual needs. Parents compliment the quality of service offered by the club. For example, they praise the club highly and the good range of activities on offer.
- The provider actively seeks the views of staff, parents and children when reviewing the provision. Improvements are implemented in response to feedback and contribute to the continued success of the club.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always offer children the opportunity to do things for themselves, in order to promote their self-help skills.
- Staff do not find out regularly what individual children are learning at school, to enable them to provide complementary experiences to further support children's experiences at the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage children to complete tasks themselves, in order to build further on their independence
- strengthen links with class teachers, to routinely gain more information about children's learning in school, to further support and complement children's experiences at the club.

Inspection activities

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

Inspector

Linda Newcombe

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The well-qualified staff have a clear understanding of their individual roles and responsibilities. They are aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a concern about a child, or an allegation against a member of staff. They ensure all children are signed in and out of the setting, and any absences are followed up. They complete daily checks and thorough risk assessments to help them ensure children are kept safe and protected from harm. For example, they make sure children understand the rules for the safe use of equipment and apparatus. The provider follows robust recruitment and induction procedures to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. All mandatory training is completed and updated as required. For example, all staff are trained in first aid to ensure that there is always a sufficient number of trained staff to deal with any medical emergencies. A range of written policies and procedures underpins and strengthens staff's practice. Regular supervision meetings offer staff the opportunity to discuss any concerns and ensure their ongoing suitability to work with children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The staff team provides a range of resources and interesting activities that is appropriate for the age range of children who attend. For example, children enjoy making play dough. They decide on the colour they want, by adding different food colourings. Staff extend children's thinking, as they ask appropriate questions about what they are doing. Children show good levels of concentration and remain focused on the task. Children have fun and laugh a lot. They communicate well and enjoy chatting and joking with staff and each other. Younger children particularly benefit from the opportunity to extend their communication, language and social skills as they join in group discussions. Children have ample space to play. They make up new games and work out the rules together. They take turns in their play and support and encourage the younger children to engage in team games. Children are imaginative and develop storylines using toys and small figures. They use apparatus confidently and safely. For example, they show skill at balancing on the beam and demonstrating their strength on the horizontal bars.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The staff are friendly and welcome children individually into the club. Children's health and physical well-being are promoted well. Staff ensure children adopt good hygiene routines, such as handwashing before eating and after using the toilet. Children benefit from plenty of fresh air and exercise. They take part in a range of team games and sports activities. Children particularly enjoy practising their ball control skills when playing football. These games also offer children opportunities to widen their circle of friends and enhance their social skills. Staff talk to children about the importance of eating well and help them to make healthy choices. Children behave well. Staff act as good role models, for example they listen to children and appreciate their views. Children contribute to the rules of the club. They are polite and play well together. They respect and value the ideas of others.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY487147
Local authority	Northamptonshire
Inspection number	1012457
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	45
Name of registered person	Lask Childcare Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP910573
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07597 590878

Lask Childcare Services was re-registered in 2015. The group employs three members of childcare staff, two of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at levels 3 and 5. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 3.20pm until 5.50pm.

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