

Little Rascals Out of School

North Watford Methodist Church, The Harebreaks, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6NF

Inspection date	14 March 2017
Previous inspection date	23 October 2013

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

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The provider, who is also the manager, and her team are very experienced practitioners. They know how to complement children's learning at school through fun activities. For example, they supply a range of resources, including art and craft materials for children to express their creativity and their own ideas.
- The provider understands the need to follow safe recruitment procedures. This is supported by an induction programme, appraisals and supervisions. Staff attend training, such as safeguarding and first aid to help keep their knowledge up to date.
- The provider and staff have a clear understanding of their role and responsibility to safeguard children. They are aware of current legislation and the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child.
- Older children attending the club on the day of inspection say that they like making friends with children from different schools. They also say they like being able to choose what to play with, such as board games.
- The provider and staff recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and with teachers from the school where children attend. Parents of older children attending say that their children enjoy coming to the club. They are confident that their children are collected safely from school and are well cared for by the staff.
- The provider understands the importance of obtaining information about children's interests, medical background and dietary requirements. The team regularly discusses and evaluates the care provided to children and the activities offered.

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 looked at the resources offered. The inspector spoke to some parents and to older children present at the club.
- The inspector had discussions with the provider and the staff. These related to their knowledge and understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare, and learning and development.
- 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 self-evaluation and plans for improvement with the provider.

Inspector

Maura Pigram

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY269733
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	1064472
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	47
Name of registered person	Moira Hine
Registered person unique reference number	RP907199
Date of previous inspection	23 October 2013
Telephone number	07763 214360

Little Rascals Out of School was registered in 2003. The setting employs five members of childcare staff. They all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The club opens from Monday to Friday, during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 9am and from 3pm until 6.30pm.

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