

Extra Care Club

Putteridge Infant School, Putteridge Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 8HJ



Inspection date

24 April 2017

Previous inspection date

26 February 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- At the time of inspection, the provider has not provided Ofsted with the required information about committee members to ensure all suitability checks can be carried out.
- The provider has failed to keep a record of the Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all committee members.
- The provider does not use self-evaluation effectively to identify weaknesses in the committee's management of the club.
- Staff do not consistently share information they gain from their good observations of children's play with teachers at school, to promote continuity of care and education.

It has the following strengths

- Children enjoy their time at the club and they behave well. Relationships between staff and children are good and children of all ages play cooperatively together.
- Staff provide many opportunities for children to play outside. Children engage in physical activity in the school playground, such as team games and using climbing equipment. They also enjoy planting and caring for flowers in the courtyard.
- The well-qualified staff team works together well. They are all aware of their roles and responsibilities. This helps to ensure the day-to-day running of the club is efficient.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and the Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ensure that Ofsted is provided with the required information so that the suitability of all committee members can be checked 	24/05/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ keep records of Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all committee members. 	24/05/2017

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

- use self-evaluation more effectively to clearly identify areas for improvement in the committee's leadership responsibilities
- develop a more effective two-way exchange of information with children's teachers at school, to promote continuity of care and education.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of activities indoors and assessed the impact this has on children's enjoyment.
- The inspector discussed the children's involvement in activities with members of staff.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider and deputy manager.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club and the safeguarding policy and procedure.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Jill Hardaker

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective. Although the provider has notified Ofsted of the names of committee members, she has failed to ensure that they provide further information so that all suitability checks can be completed. The deputy manager states that Disclosure and Barring Service checks have been carried out on committee members. However on the day of inspection, they were unable to provide evidence of these checks. Staff are knowledgeable about how to recognise signs of abuse and how to respond to these within the organisation and to other relevant agencies. The provider implements vetting procedures to ensure that children are cared for by suitable members of staff and ensures supervision meetings are regularly held. The club managers are beginning to reflect on their practice by identifying areas they would like to improve, such as developing closer networking with other out-of-school providers. However, the provider does not reflect on the effectiveness of the management committee to ensure they are fully aware of their statutory responsibilities.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide a well organised and well-planned environment where children have fun and play freely. Children are eager to choose from the wide range of resources and activities available to them. For example, they choose to complete challenging puzzles and build with construction toys. Children show their understanding of counting and number recognition as they play board games. They take turns well, showing respect for their friends. Staff observe children as they engage in play. They reflect on their enjoyment and discover children's current interests so they can plan what to provide next. However, staff do not share their knowledge of children with teachers in the school to promote a more consistent approach to their care and education.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The failure to ensure that all suitability checks are carried out on committee members, means that the safety of children is compromised. However, staff in the club work hard to keep children safe on a day-to-day basis. Children can freely choose between playing outside or inside. Staff communicate through walkie-talkies so that they are all aware of the movement of children. Children listen to staff well, the atmosphere is calm and they keenly engage in self-chosen activities. Children are encouraged to be independent, such as by pouring their own drinks and choosing their food. Staff ensure the food they provide is healthy and meets the individual needs of children. Parents speak positively about the care their children receive from the staff. They are given information regularly to help them to know about forthcoming events or changes in the club.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY310614
Local authority	Luton
Inspection number	1092396
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	46
Number of children on roll	109
Name of registered person	Putteridge Primaries Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP910783
Date of previous inspection	26 February 2015
Telephone number	01582 876793

Extra Care Club registered in 2005. The committee run club operates from within Putteridge Primary School in Luton. The club employs 11 members of childcare staff. Of these, seven hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday through school term time. Sessions are from 7.45am to 8.45am and from 3.30pm until 6pm.

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