

Woodland View After School Club



School Lane, Grange Park, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 5FZ

Inspection date	16 May 2017
Previous inspection date	3 June 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The management team is ambitious and motivated. It works extremely hard to ensure that children are provided with a varied and stimulating range of activities.
- A children's forum is one of the many innovative ways that the club ensures that the views of children, in addition to staff and parents, are taken into account when evaluating their practice.
- Two-way partnerships with the primary school teachers help to ensure continuity of care and learning for all children.
- Children eagerly greet the staff that collect them from school. Staff listen intently to pieces of news that children are keen to share with them about their school day.
- Children are provided with a safe, secure and exceptionally well-resourced environment in which to play after school. They form very close attachments to staff, which supports their emotional well-being.
- Partnerships with parents are firmly established. They are kept very well informed about the activities that their children enjoy. For example, a monthly newsletter outlines future opportunities and a collection of annotated photographs, available to parents in the reception area, shows previous experiences that children have enjoyed.
- Children are developing an understanding of how to keep themselves safe. They are learning about the risks involved in their play through clear explanations by staff.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to build on the support children are given in making independent choices.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the areas used by the club.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, children's records, evidence of qualifications, training records and suitability checks. She discussed self-evaluation with the manager.
- The inspector observed the quality of activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to children, parents and staff and considered their views.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.

Inspector

Ann Lee

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The management team is very experienced and knowledgeable. This, together with the work of the dynamic and dedicated staff, results in children receiving a superb experience after their day at school. Safeguarding is effective. Staff work very well as a team and are exceptionally well deployed at all times. They have an excellent knowledge of how to ensure that children are kept safe and secure. Meticulous attention to training ensures that staff are fully aware of what they should do if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child. Excellent procedures are in place for recruiting suitable staff. Highly effective arrangements are in place to monitor the ongoing performance of staff and identify future professional development opportunities. Parents speak enthusiastically about the care and experiences that the club offers their children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff understand that children need time to relax after a busy day at school and ensure that there is a clear distinction between the school day and time spent in the club. Staff show deep respect for children's ideas and opinions. They work closely and diligently with children's teachers to ensure that they are fully aware of what children are learning at school. This helps them to offer experiences within the club that continue and consolidate this learning within a rich and imaginative environment. Children are encouraged to make contributions to the planning of activities. They also help to devise appropriate rules for the club. Staff recognise the importance of continuing to extend the opportunities for children to make choices for themselves, in order to maintain their full involvement in planning of their time at the club. They are highly motivated and are eager to join in with a range of opportunities. Children show high levels of self-assurance as they talk to visitors. For example, they confidently and capably explain the difference between diggers and excavators. Staff skilfully ensure that all ages of children are included in group activities, such as team games of basketball.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children settle very quickly and thoroughly enjoy their time at the club. Staff are exemplary role models to children. They are patient and consistently use praise and encouragement. Staff constantly think of new ideas to help children do things for themselves. Children are supported in managing their behaviour exceptionally well. They understand the rules for sharing and taking turns. Older children show high levels of tolerance and respect for younger ones and help to support their play. Children are polite and well mannered. They listen attentively, responding to adults and each other appropriately. Staff plan highly innovative experiences for children within the local community. Carefully planned nutritious snacks and lots physical opportunities help children to understand the benefits of developing a healthy lifestyle.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY263204
Local authority	Northamptonshire
Inspection number	1091728
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	45
Number of children on roll	14
Name of registered person	Sharon Jellis
Registered person unique reference number	RP513672
Date of previous inspection	3 June 2015
Telephone number	01604 660794 or 07590068114

Woodland View After School Club registered in 2003. It employs three members of childcare staff, two of whom hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.30am to 8.55am and from 3.15pm to 6pm during term time and from 8am to 6pm during the school holidays.

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