

The Chill Zone Ltd

Avondale County School, Durham Road, DARWEN, Lancashire, BB3 1NN



Inspection date

5 June 2017

Previous inspection date

15 December 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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 well qualified and have a wealth of experience working within the education profession. Many of the staff work at the host school and know the children very well, creating stability for children and their families.
- Staff organise the environment well. Children enjoy playing with their friends after a busy day at school. This helps to secure children's regular attendance and enthusiasm to come to the club.
- Partnerships with the host school are very good. Key persons plan a range of fun activities based on children's interests that supports their continual progress in learning.
- Staff are caring and friendly. Children have strong attachments to the staff and engage in playful discussions with them.
- Older children are caring towards the younger ones and often encourage them to join in their games. This helps children feel a sense of belonging.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The programme for professional development does not always focus on developing staff's overall practice to the highest level.
- Although the provider is keen to continue to develop the club, a process of self-evaluation is not always successfully used to identify further improvements or routinely gather the views of staff, parents and children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the programme of professional development to help raise staff's skills and practice to an outstanding level
- reflect further on the club's strengths and weaknesses to help identify new priorities for improvement, and find ways to include the views of staff, parents and children in order to raise the quality of the club to the highest level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the club's facilities. She observed activities inside and outdoors.
- The inspector and provider discussed the systems for planning children's play experiences.
- The inspector held a meeting with the management team. She looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club and the procedures for supporting and coaching staff.
- The inspector discussed safeguarding procedures with staff.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff, parents and children during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Joanne Parrington

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The provider has made good progress and swiftly addressed the weaknesses raised at the last inspection. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The safeguarding policy is in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board and has been updated. All staff have completed the required Disclosure and Barring Service checks, confirming their suitability to work with children. They complete ongoing suitability checks as part of their supervisions. Staff have received further training, support and guidance to update their safeguarding knowledge. They are confident about the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about a child in their care or a member of staff's conduct. Staff have a good understanding of wider safeguarding issues and what action to take. All staff have completed paediatric first-aid training. The provider has reviewed the daily register and records accurate times of children's attendance.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children enjoy coming to the club to play with their friends and access a wide range of toys and resources. Staff observe children during play and share their observations with the school teacher. Children are encouraged to build on existing skills and learn new ones through fun and interactive games and activities. For example, as the children play a game of skittles, staff encourage counting, basic addition and subtraction. This helps continue to develop children's mathematical skills. Children enjoy making new games and explaining the rules to their friends. They show persistence and patience as they complete the nightly craft activity. Staff save children's unfinished creations so they can complete it the next night. Partnerships with parents are good. Staff share information with them daily regarding what their child has been doing at the club. Parents are complimentary about the staff and the activities they provide.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are happy and confident individuals. They benefit from secure relationships with enthusiastic staff who know them well and treat them with kindness and respect. Staff plan indoor and outdoor physical play opportunities to extend children's skills and encourage cooperation through team games. Children have good opportunities to develop their independence and self-help skills. They manage their own personal care routines and learn about making healthy choices. Staff promote positive social values, in particular encouraging children to be helpful and respectful. Staff frequently praise, encourage and strengthen children's self-esteem and confidence.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY461156
Local authority	Blackburn
Inspection number	1081121
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	60
Number of children on roll	72
Name of registered person	The Chill Zone Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP906915
Date of previous inspection	15 December 2016
Telephone number	07958221330

The Chill Zone Ltd registered in 2013. It is run by a private provider. The club opens Monday to Friday from 3.15pm until 6pm during term time, and from 8am until 6pm during school holidays, except at Christmas. The club employs 11 members of staff, including two managers. Of these, seven hold appropriate childcare qualifications at level 3.

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