High Coniscliffe Out Of School Club



High Coniscliffe C of E School, High Coniscliffe, DARLINGTON, County Durham, DL2 2LL

Inspection date	8 June 2017
Previous inspection date	22 May 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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 very effective at promoting children's safety. They follow well-established procedures when they collect children from school and continually risk assess their access to the outdoor area. This helps to ensure they are safe at all times.
- Children regularly participate in activities to support their understanding of a healthy lifestyle. For example, during cake decorating activities they discuss the high sugar content of certain foods.
- Staff support children's well-being effectively and form good attachments with them. They talk about their school day when they arrive at the club. Parents are very complimentary about the staff and their friendly interactions with the children.
- Staff welcome feedback from users of the club. They encourage children to make suggestions for activities and resources that they want to play with during the session. They regularly seek the views of parents and act on any suggestions.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not obtain enough information from the staff in the school children attend to make sure they can build on what children are learning and their interests.
- The manager does not consistently extend the programme of supervision for all staff to enable her to identify individual training needs even more precisely, to raise the quality of the practice to a higher level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- obtain more information from school that enables staff support children to build further on their interests
- extend the programme of supervision of all staff to develop their skills and identify individual training to raise the quality of the practice even higher.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises.
- The inspector observed the quality of interactions and assessed the impact on children's development. The inspector spoke to children and staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of an activity with the club manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at records and documentation including evidence of the suitability of staff working within the club.
- The inspector spoke to parents throughout the inspection and took account of their comments.

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The provider places a strong emphasis on safeguarding. She trains staff to understand that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. All staff know what may cause them concern about a child and what to do to refer these. The manager keeps up to date with the local authority's procedures to help to keep children safe. Thorough arrangements are in place for the safe movement of children from school to the club. Staff consistently supervise children effectively. The manager ensures that there is always a member of staff available who has a current paediatric first-aid certificate. Staff undertake risk assessments to help to minimise potential hazards and any accidents are dealt with and reported effectively. The provider involves staff and parents in the evaluation of the club. They identify and actively address areas for improvement and staff evaluate the success of activities.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are very happy, confident and chat freely to the staff at the club. Staff promote a calm atmosphere, which is something that parents and carers appreciate and state is very positive for the children. Staff know the children's interests and use this to inform the resources they put out for the session. Staff encourage children to choose activities and lead their own play. Children also make suggestions for future activities. Staff interact well with the children to support their enjoyment. They provide children with activities that encourage them to share and take turns. They join in with children's games, which supports their engagement. Parents and carers state that they feel this is a strong aspect of the club. Staff provide information for parents and carers, such as any messages from school and tell them what children have been doing at the club so that they are well informed.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff make good use of the space to provide a comfortable environment for children. Children enjoy being active, for example, playing ball games in the yard area, walking on stilts or running around. Staff manage children's behaviour appropriately. They give children time to calm down if they are getting frustrated. They talk to children about the impact of their behaviour. Children regularly participate in activities to support their understanding of how to keep themselves safe. Staff ensure that this is age-appropriate, for example, focusing on the dangers of using the internet and this information is continually displayed as a reminder to children. They recognise the rules and expectations of the club. They show kindness towards others, for example, sensitively reminding other children of the rules of a game.

Setting details

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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 39

Name of registered person West Park Day Nursery Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP902460

Date of previous inspection 22 May 2014

Telephone number 07891587477

High Coniscliffe Out of School Club registered in 2011. It operates from rooms within High Coniscliffe Primary School in Darlington. The setting employs two members of childcare staff. They both hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above. The setting opens Monday to Friday, from 7.45am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm, during school term time.

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