

The Cottage Kids Club

Ravensdale Infant & Nursery School, Devonshire Drive, Mickleover, DERBY, DE3 9HE



Inspection date	27 September 2017
Previous inspection date	20 November 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

- Children are happy and confident individuals. They benefit from secure relationships with well qualified and enthusiastic staff, who know them well and treat them with kindness and respect.
- Staff work well as a team and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment where children can play or relax. They use their knowledge to plan activities and experiences that complement children's learning in school.
- Managers and staff have a secure knowledge of how to safeguard children. They are skilful in recognising possible indicators of concern and confidently describe how they would take swift and appropriate action.
- There is a strong focus on promoting children's physical development. Children have constant access to the outdoor environment. Staff encourage children to be active, to ensure their good health and well-being.
- Parents speak very positively about the wide range of activities and experiences that their children take part in when attending the club. Parents talk enthusiastically about the club and recommend it to their family and friends.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide enough opportunities for children to find things out for themselves.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more opportunities for children to explore and extend their own thinking and ideas.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities indoors and outdoors and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the club deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager and deputy manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lianne McElvaney

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a very clear understanding of the steps to take should they suspect a child is at risk of harm. They are confident in their responsibility to report any child protection concerns to the appropriate authorities. The club is safe and secure. Staff are vigilant about keeping children safe. For example, staff deploy themselves well inside and outside. They communicate effectively with their colleagues with children's safety in mind. Records required for inspection are organised and readily available. Comprehensive policies and procedures are in place and effectively implemented by staff. Recruitment and vetting procedures are robust. Visitors are signed in and daily risk assessments are carried out by the manager and staff. The management team has made some meaningful changes to the club. For example, they have listened to children and parents and made changes to the snacks children eat at the club.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff are aware of all children's individual needs and understand how to support them. Staff discuss younger children's progress with Reception teachers. This sharing of information provides a joint approach to supporting younger children as they prepare for the next stage in their learning. Children thoroughly enjoy the time they spend in this friendly and welcoming club. They are able to take part in a range of exciting and interesting activities. Children spend significant periods of time decorating biscuits with different coloured icing sugar as this is an activity that interests them. Children enjoy playing computer games and staff use these opportunities well to engage with children. Staff engage children in conversation and constantly praise their efforts and achievements. They help children to respect and value their differences. Children confidently talk about their day and use language to engage with visitors. Children have opportunities to take part in a range of activities outdoors. They confidently move in different ways, running and negotiating space as they play team games.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are friendly and caring. They know children well. Children arrive at the club excited after a busy day in school. They are confident to talk to staff and visitors about their day. Children access their own belongings and help staff with tasks, such as preparing snacks and washing up after eating. Furthermore, children help themselves to water when they need a drink. This helps children to develop their self-care skills and independence. Children have a good understanding of hygiene practices. They wash and dry their hands at appropriate times. Staff consult with children to decide upon and implement interesting activities. Children behave very well, have good social skills and show care and concern for each other and staff. Children are confident to share their interests with other adults.

Setting details

Unique reference number	206102
Local authority	Derby, City of
Inspection number	1103111
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 - 10
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	3
Name of registered person	The Cottage Day Nurseries Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP517076
Date of previous inspection	20 November 2014
Telephone number	07535722908

The Cottage Kids Club registered in 2000. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one staff member holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 6, two hold qualifications at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 3.30pm until 6pm.

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