Fun Fest

Lady Barn House School, Schools Hill, Cheadle, SK8 1JE



Inspection date25 OctobPrevious inspection dateNot appli			
The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 make new friends quickly and demonstrate good social skills. Older children support younger children at the club. Staff nurture children's emotional well-being effectively.
- Staff provide good levels of care for all children. The managers and staff show a strong commitment to their roles. They are well qualified and demonstrate enthusiasm in striving for the highest expectations.
- Staff plan exciting activities that reflect children's choices and interests. For example, when children register their interests for activities, such as Halloween, staff make sure this informs current planning.
- Parents are very complimentary about the club. There is good communication between staff and parents. For instance, staff exchange important information with parents on a daily basis to meet children's individual needs.
- The manager seeks feedback from staff, parents and children to make future changes and provide a good-quality service.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not fully extend younger children's thinking skills and adapt activities to promote their independence even further.
- Supervision meetings with staff do not precisely focus on raising the quality of practice to an even higher level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide younger children with more opportunities to support their thinking skills and extend their independence even further
- enhance procedures for staff supervision that evaluate the performance of staff and raise the quality of practice to an even higher level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed joint observations with the acting manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the acting manager. She looked at relevant documentation and 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

Farzana Iqbal

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff know their responsibilities to keep children safe from harm. They keep up to date with policies and procedures and know how to report any concerns regarding a child's welfare. Staff supervise children vigilantly and ensure activities are safe and suitable. They complete ongoing safety checks and minimise potential risks in the environment. Staff include children in the daily risk assessments and ensure children are aware of how to keep themselves safe at all times. Staff use their diverse range of experience effectively and plan fun activities for children. For example, staff with a sporting background provide physical games for children's development and enjoyment. The manager and staff work as a team to reflect on the strengths and areas to improve the club.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children eagerly take part in the activities on offer. Staff plan fun-filled activities based on children's interests. Children choose from a variety of craft activities and physical games. For example, children enjoy making their own coloured soap and choose their own designs and moulds. Children are very sociable and engage in discussions with each other with increasing confidence. Staff sit with children during craft activities and support them to practise their literacy skills. Children choose festive activities with close support from staff. For example, they discuss carving pumpkins to make their own Jack O' Lanterns. There are good opportunities for children to benefit from physical activities and outdoor play. Children thoroughly enjoy the sporting activities and games on offer. For example, they use hoops, play ball games and various games to increase their strength, balance and coordination skills. Children show excitement when they find worms outdoors. Staff use this opportunity to teach them how to handle living things with care.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children settle well at the club. New children receive particularly good support from staff to settle in. Staff welcome children into the club with enthusiasm and friendliness. They show genuine care and skilfully support children to build new friendships quickly. Staff support children's emotional well-being effectively. They join in with activities and are always close by to provide reassurance and support. Staff offer plenty of praise and encouragement to support children's engagement and motivation. Children demonstrate good levels of confidence and self-esteem. They learn important skills, such as teamwork, negotiation and conflict resolution with close support from staff. Children comment they enjoy the sports activities and like spending time at the club. They happily engage in social conversations with staff and other children. For example, during snack and mealtimes, they talk about their interests and families. Staff are good role models for positive behaviour and children show good levels of respect and kindness.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY545164	
Local authority	Stockport	
Inspection number	1096703	
Type of provision	Full-time provision	
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic	
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register	
Age range of children	3 - 12	
Total number of places	60	
Number of children on roll	74	
Name of registered person	Fun Fest Franchising (UK) Limited	
Registered person unique reference number	RP534303	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable	
Telephone number	07986 156812	

Fun Fest registered in 2011. The club employs nine members of staff who hold a range of relevant qualifications at level 3 and above. Sessions are from 8am to 6pm, during the school holidays. The club is closed over the Christmas period.

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