

The Lighthouse Club at St. John's

64 Larcom Street, London, SE17 1NQ



Inspection date	30 October 2017
Previous inspection date	7 May 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The leadership and management team does not communicate important information to the manager, such as changes to the provision. In addition, leaders do not ensure that staff understand and consistently implement the procedures for school collection, such as ensuring that a qualified first aider collects children from school.
- The leadership and management team does not ensure that all records are easily accessible during inspection, as required.
- The manager and staff were not prepared for the change to the club's location. Staff did not fully support some children to settle and join in with the activities.
- Staff do not work closely with parents and local schools to provide a consistent approach to children's care and experiences. They do not share information, such as what support they intend to offer the children, or find out what the children already know and can do. In addition, on the day of inspection some parents did not know where to collect their children.

It has the following strengths

- Staff provide children with a suitable range of resources.
- Children have formed good relationships with staff and each other.
- Staff encourage children's independence. For example, they ask children to have a try and complete tasks themselves.
- Staff provide a range of physical activities. Children enjoy taking part in ball and team games outdoors.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and the Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due Date
■ ensure that staff consistently implement the procedures for school collection, particularly in relation to a first-aid qualified staff member collecting the children	30/11/2017
■ make sure that documents are accessible and available to Ofsted, on request.	30/11/2017

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

- support children during times of change to feel secure, and to engage and enjoy activities
- discuss the support to be offered at the club with the parents and local schools that children attend, to help ensure a consistent approach to their care and experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector reviewed some policies and documentation, including register templates and registration forms for children.
- Discussions took place with the leadership and management team.
- The inspector spoke with children during the inspection visit and sought the views of parents.
- The inspector observed the areas used to provide care for children, inside and outside.

Inspector

Kareen Anne Jacobs

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management requires improvement

The leadership and management team does not take steps to communicate and manage change effectively, which affected the quality of provision on the day of inspection. Due to miscommunication, the manager and staff had to relocate the club at short notice and were not prepared for the children's arrival. Nonetheless, the manager quickly organised the staff in setting up activities for children to enjoy. The manager did not ensure that staff followed the club's school-collection procedures, such as ensuring that a qualified first aider collected children from school. Despite this, staff were aware of the potential risks and hazards on route to schools to help keep children safe and knew what to do in the event of an emergency. Staff know how to recognise and report any concerns about children to protect their welfare. Safeguarding is effective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

The circumstances on the day of inspection meant that staff had not set up activities for children's arrival and not all parents knew where to collect their children. Staff were quick to telephone parents to ensure they collected from the new location. At first, some of the children were unsure and it took them a little time to settle and engage. Staff provide resources that help children to use their imaginations. For example, they enjoy playing pretend games together using dinosaurs. Staff provide a range of equipment to build on children's physical skills. They manipulate play dough and use cutters to make models.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

Sometimes, staff did not recognise that less-confident children required some support to accommodate the change in location. Nonetheless, the manager showed the children around their refurbished club so they were familiar with where to find things. Overall, children enjoyed their time at the club and took part in activities. They behave well. Children play cooperatively together, for example, as they negotiate and share resources during role play in the home corner. Children's confidence grew and they independently managed their personal care needs in the new environment. Overall, staff work well with the schools and parents. However, they do not share information about what they intend to offer or find out about what children can do to plan for and build on their experiences.

Setting details

Unique reference number	159954
Local authority	Southwark
Inspection number	1068562
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 - 8
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	2
Name of registered person	Lighthouse Supplementary School Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP517619
Date of previous inspection	7 May 2014
Telephone number	020 7708 0870

The Lighthouse Club at St. John's registered in November 2000. It is located in the Walworth area in the London Borough of Southwark. The out-of-school club is open from 3pm to 6pm on Monday to Friday, during term time. It is open during various school holidays from 8.30am to 6pm. Five staff work directly with the children. Of these, three hold relevant qualifications at level 3 or above, and one holds a qualification at level 2.

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