

# Friends at Play

Cryers Hill Road, Cryers Hill, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6JP



## Inspection date

24 January 2018

Previous inspection date

10 September 2013

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 place a high priority on keeping children safe. For example, they ensure that the premises are safe and they closely supervise children as they arrive and depart from the club.
- The manager, who is also the provider, has been successful in driving forward improvements. For example, she now seeks the views of parents more regularly and values their input when developing the club.
- The manager supports and encourages staff to gain qualifications and to extend their understanding in order to continue to meet the needs well of the children who attend.
- Staff successfully encourage children to help in the running of the club. Children enjoy the responsibility of helping to choose snacks and resources.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not find out as much as they can about children's development elsewhere to enable them to further support children's experiences from school and nursery.
- Staff do not consistently consider the likes and interests of younger children when choosing which resources to make available.

## **What the setting needs to do to improve further**

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

- improve partnerships with staff at the host school and attached nursery in order to gain a more precise picture of each child's development
- take more account of the needs of the younger children when planning activities and play experiences.

### **Inspection activities**

- The inspector visited all areas of the premises used by the club.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children, and took account of their views.
- The inspector spoke with staff about their understanding of safeguarding and first aid.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including policies, children's records and staff qualifications.

### **Inspector**

Sarah Holley

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager follows thorough procedures to check the suitability of those who she employs to work with children. Staff regularly update their training and understand their responsibility to safeguard children. The manager meets regularly with each staff member to discuss their performance and support them to do their job well. She continues to evaluate the provision and make ongoing improvements. For example, she has introduced regular newsletters for parents to keep them informed about their child's time at the club. Staff builds warm relationships with parents to continue to meet each child's needs.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children choose from the resources on offer and staff are close by to join in their play. Children tell visitors that they enjoy the weekly activities, such as cookery and 'movie night'. They organise votes on which film to watch and work with staff to plan the menus. Children learn about the wider world. For example, they learn about a broad range of festivals from different cultures. They demonstrate their creative skills, such as by painting their own pictures. Children are confident speakers and they enjoy talking about their day at school with staff and their friends. They speak positively about their experience at the club and tell visitors that they have fun.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff meet children's physical needs well. They help them to learn about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and provide plenty of healthy snacks. Staff ensure that they cater for children's specific dietary needs. Children are lively and active but also kind and well-mannered. They follow the rules and routines well and listen to the clear instructions that staff give to keep them safe. Children enjoy the independence of helping to prepare snacks and organise their own belongings. Overall, children show good levels of well-being. They settle quickly on arrival and are relaxed in the company of the staff and their friends.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY458187
<b>Local authority</b>	Buckinghamshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	1063289
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	3 - 7
<b>Total number of places</b>	45
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	42
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Florence Giverny Ede
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP905637
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	10 September 2013
<b>Telephone number</b>	01494 713159

Friends at Play registered in 2013. The club offers care to the children attending Great Kingshill C of E Combined School and the attached nursery. It is open from 7.40am to 8.40am and from 3.15pm to 6.15pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. The provider also offers all-day care during some weeks of the school holidays. The provider, who is also the manager, holds a level 5 qualification. She employs four members of staff, two of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

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