

Holiday Zone

Wilmslow Preparatory School, 7 Grove Avenue, WILMSLOW, Cheshire, SK9 5EG



Inspection date	23 February 2018
Previous inspection date	17 April 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			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff develop strong relationships with parents. Regular newsletters keep parents informed about planned activities. Staff talk with parents when their child is collected and tell them about the activities they have enjoyed.
- New children quickly settle well into the club and have a strong sense of belonging. Mixed age groupings for activities create a very positive, family atmosphere in the club.
- Children behave well and are praised by staff for their achievements. Staff involve children in creating club rules for positive behaviour and encourage them to take responsibility for ensuring they, and others, follow the rules. Children have a strong sense of belonging at their club.
- Staff support children's development effectively through enjoyable activities. Children enjoy their interactions with staff and happily involve them in their activities.
- Managers strive towards further improvement and seek the views of staff, children and parents. This helps them to accurately evaluate the provision and identify areas to target for further development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, the noise levels in the room become high and this distracts children's concentration and engagement in their activities.
- Staff do not always share information about children's needs and interests with other settings that children attend to provide the best continuity of care and to complement learning for all children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor the levels of noise in the play areas to fully promote children's engagement and involvement in activities
- extend the partnership working with other settings that children attend to further support continuity and complement their learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in indoor and outdoor activities.
- The inspector completed a joint observation of children's activities with the manager of the club.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- The inspector spoke with a number of parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Susan Rogers

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Managers and staff have a good understanding of what would concern them regarding a child's care. They attend safeguarding training and know the correct procedures to follow if there are any concerns about a child's welfare and safety. Staff conduct regular risk assessments to ensure the safety of children. They are vigilant and supervise children well. There are robust systems in place for the recruitment, induction and vetting of staff. This ensures staff are clear about their roles and responsibilities. Staff are well supported by the management team and are involved in regular appraisals. Managers supervise and observe staff as they interact with the children, which helps them to maintain good standards. Managers ensure staff benefit from training opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills. This has a positive impact on the service provided for the children. Parents speak highly of the club and value the good exchange of information to support children's well-being.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff are enthusiastic and skilfully provide a play environment where children of different ages can play and relax together. Children's views are sought by staff to help decide on activities, equipment and snacks they provide. This promotes their self-esteem and shows them that their ideas are valued. Children particularly enjoy creative activities, such as making bracelets with beads and pictures with coloured tissue, paper and glitter. Staff support children well in their play. They show them how to handle scissors correctly and use tools. Children use dough to make a variety of shapes which inspires their play ideas and imagination. Children practise their dancing skills and teach each other new moves they have learned. Older children enjoy a simple science experiment using coloured sweets and all children enjoy decorating cakes. Children communicate well with their friends and staff about their home life and recent experiences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children enjoy attending this friendly club. They are engaged in their play and show interest in the wide range of experiences on offer. Staff are warm and caring, and create an inclusive and welcoming club for all children. This help children to develop strong emotional attachments and to develop friendships with one another. Children enjoy playing outdoors in the school playground where they access fresh air, play games and use their scooters. Children enjoy healthy snacks and drinks and socialise very well. They enjoy eating their packed lunch together in small groups and chat to each other about their interests. They develop good self-care skills and wash their hands before meals. Children are confident, have a strong sense of responsibility and enjoy completing simple tasks to help the staff. For example, they help to tidy away toys after each session and help to prepare cakes for their party.

Outcomes for children

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY467608
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	1102679
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	3 - 11
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	245
Name of registered person	Holiday Zone Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP911244
Date of previous inspection	17 April 2014
Telephone number	07805 269443

Holiday Zone registered in 2013. The club employs five members of staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds qualified teacher status. The club opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm during school holidays and 4.10pm until 6.30pm during term time.

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