

Little Hands Adventure Club

Orchard Cp School, Gammons Lane, Watford, WD24 5JW



Inspection date

26 February 2018

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

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 settle in quickly at the club and are happy and confident. They enjoy positive relationships with the staff and feel secure in asking them for help when necessary.
- Partnership working between the club, school and parents/carers is effective. Staff pass on information about their children reliably, which helps with the consistency of care for children. Staff keep parents well informed about their children's time at the club when they collect their children at the end of the day.
- The management and staff team effectively review and evaluate the quality of the provision. Following feedback from parents, the club has introduced more communication methods. They relay information on social media, for example, information about planned activities and updates regarding possible disruption to opening hours during extreme weather.
- The management team is committed to supporting staff's professional development and staff benefit from effective supervision meetings. These are used to identify staff's training needs and support their development, such as encouraging staff to take more responsibility in planning activities to engage the children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, staff do not help children enough to develop their ability to make independent choices.

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 make independent choices.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities children take part in, both indoors and outdoors, and the interactions between children and staff.
- The inspector observed an adult-led activity and discussed this with the provider.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views. She also spoke with children and staff throughout the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the owner. She looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.

Inspector

Rebecca Williams

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

There is a wide range of procedures and policies to support children's safety and well-being that staff implement well. Staff are confident in their knowledge about how to protect children and the procedures to follow if they have concerns about a child's welfare. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff are carefully vetted during the recruitment process. Staff have attended training provided by the local authority on supporting children's outdoor play during colder and darker weather. Consequently, children benefit from regular access to the outdoor area. Staff carefully risk assess the area after a light snow flurry before children are allowed outside. Children are asked questions to help them learn to manage their risks appropriately. For example, staff ask them to check if the equipment is slippery.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The managers and staff team have a good understanding of how to support children's care and developmental needs. Staff gather good information from parents and children when they start attending the club. The key person uses this to help children to settle and plan activities based on their interests. Staff plan the environment to provide a variety of enticing resources and activities to support children's interests and needs. For example, the craft table is a particular favourite for many of the children. After tea, children listen to a story about pancakes and Lent. Staff understand how to extend activities. Children concentrate on stuffing their pancake cushions and decorating them. Staff position themselves well to support children. They ask questions to encourage children to develop their ideas. This helps children to develop their skills in communication. Children competently write their names on their cushions. They readily access craft, table football and active outdoor play or computer games.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children behave well. They are welcoming as another child wants to join in playing table football and happily adjust their game to accommodate their friend. Children are kind to each other. As some children wait their turn to play a popular construction game on the computer, they watch their friends play and comment on their good teamwork. Children are taught about how to keep themselves safe on the internet, following the same guidelines as school. Children understand about healthy lifestyles. For example, they discuss the types of food and what makes them healthy during tea. Parents comment that children are encouraged to try more foods. Staff provide children with opportunities to learn about a wide variety of cultural festivals and events. These activities help to promote tolerance and respect.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY492068
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	1026081
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 - 11
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	11
Name of registered person	Little Hands Adventure Club Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP534798
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07525001964

Little Hands Adventure Club registered in 2015. It is run by Little Hands Adventure Club Limited. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3 and three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time from 7.30am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm. Children can attend for a variety of sessions.

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