

Benhilton Kids Zone

1st North Sutton Scout HQ, Stayton Road, Sutton, SM1 2PU



Inspection date

7 March 2018

Previous inspection date

10 June 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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff have established good partnerships with the schools children attend. They exchange information with them on an ongoing basis. This helps to support continuity between home, school and the club.
- Children are happy and settled at the club. They are warmly greeted by staff who collect them from their school. Children eagerly engage in conversations with staff about their busy day at school. They arrive at the club and quickly settle to their chosen activity.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff take time to update parents about what their children have been doing during their time at the club.
- Children behave well at the club. Staff are consistent in their approach to managing children's behaviour. Children are offered gentle, clear and age-appropriate reminders about the importance of being kind and sharing with each other.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- At times, the noise level in the room becomes quite high and this distracts children and hinders their concentration and listening skills.
- Staff do not always provide the same level of exciting activities outdoors as they do indoors, to support children who prefer to play outdoors.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- give consideration to reducing the noise level at times to further promote children's concentration and listening skills
- build upon the range of activities offered to children to better support those who prefer to play outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed staff engaging with children in a range of activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider, who is also the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to children and parents during the inspection and took account of these views.

Inspector

Amanda Tompkin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff demonstrate with confidence their knowledge and understanding of the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about children's welfare. Staff supervise children well and maintain a safe environment for them. Arrival and collection times are managed well to ensure children's safety. Staff undertake a range of training, including first aid and child protection, to promote children's safety and well-being. They have regular opportunities to discuss their own performance with managers. Parents are happy with the care their children receive. They comment that their children are cared for in a safe environment and that their children enjoy attending the club. The manager seeks the views of parents, staff and children to help identify further ways to improve on practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff work with parents and children from the very beginning to identify children's interests and abilities. They use this knowledge to help inform them about the activities they offer to children. Planning also takes into account topics and themes taking place in schools. This helps to complement children's learning at school. Children are able to make choices in their play. They use their imaginations in the role-play area, acting out different roles as they perform a puppet show. Children develop good problem-solving skills while taking turns during a game of chess. They engage in sensory play as they excitedly explore coloured slime and cornflour mixed with water. Staff join in with children's play. They interact and help to extend their learning and enjoyment. This helps children to continue to build on the progress they are making at school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children gain a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe. They learn the importance of road safety on their walk back from school. For example, they know they need to wear their high-visibility jackets and hold their buddy's hand while crossing the road. Staff encourage children to continue to develop their independence. For example, children are encouraged to take care of their personal belongings when they arrive at the club. Children build positive friendships with children of different ages and from different schools. This helps to build their confidence and social skills. A good range of healthy and nutritious snacks is offered to children and takes into account individual dietary needs. Children's good health is further promoted. They understand that they need to wash their hands before sitting down to eat.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY418023
Local authority	Sutton
Inspection number	1069032
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	40
Number of children on roll	9
Name of registered person	Jacqueline Margaret Barker
Registered person unique reference number	RP513647
Date of previous inspection	10 June 2014
Telephone number	07739353083

Benhilton Kids Zone registered in 2011. The out-of-school club is open from 7.30am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. It operates in the school holidays from 7.30am to 6pm. The out-of-school club employs eight staff, five of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications.

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