

Club Vale Limited

St Martins C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom, KT18 7AD



Inspection date	17 April 2018
Previous inspection date	8 July 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The club is exceptionally well led and managed. Staff are highly reflective of their practice and united in their commitment to maintain a constantly improving provision. Children and parents are fully involved in the club's self-evaluation processes.
- Staff are exceedingly well trained to deliver playwork principles. They provide children with a wide range of high-quality play resources and immensely exciting and challenging activities. Children's levels of creativity and imagination are inspirational.
- Older children are exceedingly supportive of younger children. The club operates a buddy system whereby younger children are supported by an older child to settle in. The relationships formed during this time develop into long-term friendships which transfer into school. Behaviour is exemplary. Children are extremely kind towards each other.
- Staff are highly proactive and successful in encouraging children to adopt healthy and safe lifestyle habits. Children spend a great deal of time outdoors engaging safely in physically active and exhilarating risky play. Teatime is exceedingly well organised and sociable. Children serve themselves, choosing from a great selection of healthy food.
- Partnerships between staff, parents and the host school staff are excellent. Information about activity planning and children's well-being is exceedingly well shared.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build even further on children's interest in art.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to children, parents and staff and took account of their views.
- The inspector sampled relevant records and documentation relating to safeguarding, staff qualifications, vetting checks and performance management. She discussed the club's self-evaluation processes.
- The inspector involved the provider in her observations of the environment and children's play.

Inspector

Amanda Tyson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff are very well informed about child protection procedures. They fully understand what to do if they have concerns about a child in their care and of their responsibilities under the 'Prevent' duty legislation. Staff complete thorough and highly effective risk assessments on the premises and for planned outings. Procedures for recruiting, vetting, inducting and managing staff performance and supporting professional development are extremely good. Staff are supported to achieve playwork qualifications. They attend regular training. For example, they learn how to promote risk in play and to enable children to create and develop their own ideas. Improvements since the last inspection are immense. Resources for children to use in many different ways have been vastly increased.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff know the children exceptionally well and ensure that activities and resources enable children to follow their own interests. For example, children use recyclable resources to make microphones, a very realistic vacuum cleaner and swords for pirate play. Children's imagination has no boundaries. For example, they assemble pipework for an 'underground kitchen'. Staff involve children in planning. For instance, they help to create an airport role-play area based on their real experiences. Children have great fun weighing different sized suitcases on scales as they 'check into the departure lounge with their passports' before boarding an aeroplane. Staff delight the children when they join in play, for instance, by pretending to be the air hostess serving food. Children say the summer holiday club is great fun. They enjoy meeting visiting zoo animals and going on outings. Children thoroughly enjoy all the planned art activities. However, there is scope for children to build on their interest in art and learn more about the different types of artists and their individual techniques and specialisms.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children quickly develop a strong sense of belonging to the club. Children are very much involved in the running of the club, such as the interviewing of potential new staff. Parents are delighted that younger children learn new skills, such as learning how to play chess. They remark on how quickly younger children settle in at the beginning of term and attribute this to the kindness and direction of older children. Children show a very high level of positivity and interest in diversity. For example, they gallop around the garden in a row with a large piece of material over their heads screaming out that they are 'the Chinese dragon'. Children talk to each other about the different countries their parents come from, for instance, while looking at flags displayed in the pretend airport.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY474776
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	1071812
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	76
Number of children on roll	200
Name of registered person	Club Vale Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP903806
Date of previous inspection	8 July 2014
Telephone number	07905 394029

Club Vale out-of-school club registered in 2011 and re-registered under sole ownership in 2014. It is one of three clubs owned by Club Vale Limited. It operates from rooms in St Martin's C of E Junior School in Epsom, Surrey. The club is open Monday to Friday during term time between 7.30am and 8.40am for the breakfast club and 3.20pm to 6pm for the after-school club. A playscheme operates during some weeks of the school holidays between 7.30am and 5.30pm. There are five permanent members of staff. Three hold childcare qualifications at level 3 and one has a qualification at level 2.

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