

Loobyloos Before & After School Club

Ferry Rd, Fiskerton, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN3 4HU



Inspection date	27 April 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

- The manager is the only member of staff usually working in the club. The owner and the manager have thought carefully about the impact this has on children's safety.
- Children are involved with decision making, which ensures they have choice and gives them a sense of ownership of their club. The manager values all children's suggestions highly and includes their views when planning indoor activities. Children communicate confidently with the manager about what activities they would like to do and share their ideas for the future.
- The manager plays with the children and they have fun together.
- Children's behaviour is very good. They are polite and respectful to each other and adults. Older children show care for the younger children, helping them when needed.
- The manager develops very good partnerships with parents and carers. Parents speak highly of the club saying their children are happy and that nothing is too much trouble for the manager and owner.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children who prefer to play outdoors do not always have the opportunity to do so.
- Children are not yet provided with enough opportunities to learn about keeping themselves healthy and safe at all times.

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 those children who prefer to play outdoors to do so
- provide more opportunities for children to increase their growing awareness about how to keep themselves healthy and become more involved in taking responsibility for their own safety.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and the interactions between the manager and children.
- The inspector spoke to the manager, school cleaner and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector viewed the outdoor area with the provider.
- The inspector held a meeting with the provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Clare Johnson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager is clear on her responsibilities regarding child protection. She knows the action she must take if she has any concerns about a child in her care. Robust recruitment procedures are in place to ensure that staff are suitable to work with children. The environment is safe and secure. The manager only allows entry to those she has identified. She works alone for the vast majority of the time and has put procedures into place to ensure the safety of the children and herself. For example, she ensures a member of staff from the school is on site each day until the club closes. The manager makes sure that she can communicate quickly with them with a walkie-talkie in the event of an emergency, so she can receive immediate help. If the manager requires additional assistance during the session on a particular day, the owner attends to give her support. The manager works closely with the owner and together they form a strong team. They evaluate the quality of the club and involve children to ensure their views are heard. The manager is well qualified and has regular access to support and training. She works in partnership with the school to monitor children's learning and development, so she can support children's progress.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are happy and they laugh and smile as they enjoy what they are doing. They proudly show visitors their display board and are praised highly for their efforts to support their confidence and self-esteem. Children enjoy dressing up in a variety of outfits and using their imaginations in role play. Some children choose to play on the games console and take turns for fairness. Children enjoy playing table tennis with each other and the manager. Other children make their own games up with the dolls or spend time drawing and colouring. Children are encouraged to work out minor disputes for themselves. For example, when they cannot agree on who can play in which den, the manager asks them how they will solve this problem. Children come up with suggestions such as taking turns and playing the 'rock, paper, scissors game' to decide what to do. The manager praises children for their ideas and they continue to play happily.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The manager forms close bonds with the children. Children comment on how much they enjoy coming to the club and how much they like the manager and owner. When they first arrive, they are excited to see the owner and run to her for a hug. The owner is also a childminder locally and has known many of the children for some years. Children are provided with a nutritious snacks. They enjoy sitting together at the tea table and they look at the menu to decide what they would like to eat. Children choose from toast, crumpets or fruit bread and they can also help themselves to fresh fruit. They help to set up for snack and tidy away, which gives them a sense of responsibility and independence. Snack time is a happy, social occasion where children chat to each other, the manager and owner about their day.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY498657
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	1040811
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	20
Number of children on roll	22
Name of registered person	Louise Calista Harrison
Registered person unique reference number	RP900815
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01522 753828

Loobyloos Before & After School Club registered in 2016. The club employs one member of permanent childcare staff who holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The registered provider also occasionally works in the club. She holds early years teacher status. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.45am and 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

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