

Little Oaks @ St Mary's

St Marys Catholic Primary School, Pool Road, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7QU



Inspection date

11 May 2018

Previous inspection date

24 July 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

- Children have fun at this welcoming after-school club. They are enthusiastic and animated as they arrive and talk about their day at school. Children eagerly explore their play surroundings and enjoy choosing from the varied range of activities on offer indoors and outdoors.
- Children thoroughly enjoy spending time with their friends. They play well together and their behaviour is excellent. Children's views about the club are very positive. They say, 'We are always able to play outdoors and choose what we want to do.'
- Staff work well in partnership with parents. They provide parents with a range of information, such as weekly activity plans and photographs of children engaged in activities. Parents comment that they are pleased with the club and they say their children are happy and enjoy attending.
- Staff have good links with the host school. They regularly exchange information about children which enables staff to plan activities that match their interests and complement the learning that takes place in school.
- The well-qualified staff are skilled and sensitive in helping all children to form secure emotional attachments. They meet children's individual needs well through effective care practices and actively promote their emotional well-being.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager does not routinely review practice, to include feedback from the children and parents.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve the self-evaluation process to routinely include the views of children and parents to identify where further improvements can be made to enhance the quality of children's learning experiences even further.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises.
- The inspector observed the quality of activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's achievements.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with children, policies, procedures, risk assessments and the club's self-evaluation.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents, children and staff spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Jennifer Turner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff fully understand their responsibilities to safeguard children. Staff are alert to the signs that may indicate that a child is at risk of abuse. They know the club policies and put them into practice to protect children and ensure their safety and welfare. The management team is vigilant in ensuring staff are aware of the setting's policies and procedures. These are understood by staff and implemented effectively. There are clear robust systems for recruitment, induction, supervision, and the use of ongoing mandatory training is successful in ensuring that staff are suitable to work with children. The manager and staff maintain regular risk assessments and the safe supervision of children is a priority. The manager and staff have developed a good relationship with the host school. They work well with teaching staff to provide a consistent approach to supporting children's needs and promote their experiences.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff know the children well. They are aware of children's capabilities and provide a good range of resources to support children's choice. Staff plan activities and experiences to challenge and motivate children based on their interests and what they are learning in school. Children thoroughly enjoy playing in the large grounds of the school. The outdoor classroom offers children space to explore in all types of weather. Children are fascinated with hunting for bugs and exploring the forest school area, as they collect insects in magnifying containers. Children dig in sand as they fill containers and make marks. Children design models from recycled materials and building bricks, and cardboard boxes soon become homes for the bugs. Children learn to celebrate and value other faiths and traditions. For instance, they celebrate many festivals and traditions, including Chinese New Year and they create lanterns and dragons.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children thoroughly enjoy their time at the club and have warm and caring relationships with staff. They have opportunities to choose the activities they want to do and to have their ideas included in the weekly plans. Children extend their play outdoors where staff encourage them to participate in enjoyable physical activities, for instance using climbing equipment. Children jump from large tyres as they show their balancing skills. Children wash their hands after outdoor play and before snacks. Children enjoy the nutritious tea provided by staff and make their own healthy wraps with a range of salads. Staff are calm and guide children gently, which helps them to develop good social skills. Children contribute to the club's rules as they decide on the rules they would like.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY417781
Local authority	Warwickshire
Inspection number	1105199
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	146
Name of registered person	St Mary's Studley Childcare T/A Little Oaks
Registered person unique reference number	RP530184
Date of previous inspection	24 July 2014
Telephone number	07958231068 or 01527853592

Little Oaks @ St Mary's registered in 2010. It is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 9am for breakfast sessions and 3pm to 6pm for after-school care. It operates a holiday club during school holidays; sessions are Monday to Friday from 8am until 6pm. The club employs five members of childcare staff, of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3.

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the guidance 'Complaints procedure: raising concerns and making complaints about Ofsted', which is available from Ofsted's website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted. If you would like Ofsted to send you a copy of the guidance, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, work-based learning and skills training, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It assesses council children's services, and inspects services for looked after children, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 0300 123 4234, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

You may reuse this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/, write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or email: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

This publication is available at www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/120354.

Interested in our work? You can subscribe to our website for news, information and updates at www.ofsted.gov.uk/user.

Piccadilly Gate
Store St
Manchester
M1 2WD

T: 0300 123 4234
Textphone: 0161 618 8524
E: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

© Crown copyright 2018

