

Coalway Kids Club

Coalway Community Infant School, Coalway Road, Coalway, Coleford,
Gloucestershire, GL16 7HL



Inspection date	21 May 2018
Previous inspection date	9 July 2015

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

- The manager and staff are committed to creating a safe and hygienic environment. They use a daily risk assessment to ensure equipment is clean and teach children how to keep toilet areas hygienic.
- Staff make good use of impromptu opportunities to explore children's understanding of the world. For example, when they spot red ants in the garden they talk about how they need to take care in case these bite. They share experiences of other bites and stings and so children continue learning.
- Staff are committed to ensuring that children new to the club settle quickly and feel welcome. For instance, children receive their own welcome pack containing information about the club in words and pictures.
- Staff teach children to manage different weather conditions, such as remembering to wear hats in hot weather and waterproofs when it rains.
- Children are happy and confident. They enjoy their time at the club.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always provide children with enough opportunities to use their own ideas and imaginations. For example, they sometimes provide pre-printed colouring sheets.
- There is often a lot of background noise from the radio and so children sometimes struggle to hear, and be interested in conversations.

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 explore their own creativity and imagination
- increase opportunities for children to be highly motivated and interested in conversations and consider the impact of background noise on children's ability to listen.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children indoors and outdoors, including jointly observing with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents, staff and children, and took account of their views.
- The inspector had a tour of the club, including discussing health and safety matters with the manager.
- The inspector held a leadership and management meeting with the manager.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, including that relating to statutory requirements.

Inspector

Patricia Pillay

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff know the signs to be concerned about and the actions they should take if a concern arises. The manager is committed to her own professional development. For instance, she recognised that she needed to know more about recruiting suitable staff and so has attended safer recruitment training. The manager observes staff practice regularly to identify any areas for development. For example, staff have attended training to learn more about using children's ideas to support varied outdoor play. They now provide a dedicated area for ball games so that other children are not disturbed in their imaginative play. The manager, committee and staff frequently evaluate practice to drive development. They identified a need to make stronger links with older children's school learning. They now create an interest table to reflect school topics, such as travel and talk with children about countries visited.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff skilfully involve children in planning for development of the club. For instance, they discussed what children would like, such as more messy play and gardening, and have developed a mud kitchen and a planting garden. Children take pride in their garden. They remember that plants need extra water in hot weather and enjoy taking responsibility for this. They talk excitedly about the fruit they are growing. Staff know that children need to relax at the end of the school day and so give plenty of opportunity for them to play freely. Staff provide good support for children to become inquisitive learners. For example, they provide a camera and children take pictures of things that interest them in the garden. Staff print the pictures and spend time discussing these with children. Staff establish good partnerships with other settings that children attend, such as schools. This ensures they are well informed of the actions they can take to support each child, such as using signs to help less verbal children to communicate.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff keep parents well informed about what children have enjoyed and any problems, such as conflicts with other children. Parents have many opportunities to be involved in the club. For instance, the parent run management committee has developed the garden by adding dens and planters to extend play and learning. Parents know that their children really enjoy their time at the club and that they are always eager to attend. Children are easily able to access toys and resources and so quickly become confident in making choices. Staff provide healthy, appetising snacks, such as toast and fresh fruit. Even the youngest children confidently spread their own butter and make choices about what fruit they will eat.

Setting details

Unique reference number	101867
Local authority	Gloucestershire
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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 - 8
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	Coalway Kids Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP905027
Date of previous inspection	9 July 2015
Telephone number	01594 839103

Coalway Kids Club registered in 2001. The club opens each weekday during term time from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 5.30pm. During school holidays the club opens from 8am to 5.30pm as required. There are four staff, two of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

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