

Woodlands Out of School Club



Woodlands Play Gym, Knowle Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 4HL

Inspection date

25 June 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

- Children confidently enter the club. Staff create a welcoming, relaxed and friendly environment. They quickly develop good relationships with children.
- Behaviour is managed well. Children show care and concern for others. They are kind, welcoming and polite.
- Staff are well organised. They carefully supervise children and carry out safety checks to ensure children's safety and well-being.
- The manager and staff team build good partnerships with parents, keeping them well informed about the club's activities and their child's day.
- Staff meet children's needs effectively. There is space for quiet and active play indoors and outside.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Systems to monitor and appraise staff are not robust enough to help raise the quality of staff practice to the highest level.
- Staff are yet to explore all opportunities to work in close partnership with the schools that children attend.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the arrangements for the supervision of staff to focus more precisely on professional development to help raise the quality of staff practice to a higher level
- enhance partnerships with the local schools that children attend to ensure a more complementary approach to care and learning.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of staff interaction during activities, both indoors and outside.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises, including the outdoor play area.

Inspector

Lindsay Dobson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff understand the child protection procedures in place and are clear about their roles and responsibilities in helping to keep children safe. They have a good understanding of how to identify risks to children and help to protect them from harm. Staff complete daily safety checks and regular full risk assessments on the premises. They achieve a good balance between keeping children safe and allowing them to take risks in their play. Staff implement clear safety procedures when parents drop off and collect children from the club, including obtaining their signatures. Staff are deployed well throughout the session. They work well as a team and keep each other informed about what is happening and ask for support when they need it. Parents say their children are happy, safe and enjoy attending the club. They like the range of exciting activities and the care that staff give, to supporting the individual needs of the children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are happy, busy and become engrossed in play opportunities with their friends. Younger children are imaginative and creative and enjoy participating in pretend play and craft activities. For example, they dress up as fairies and princesses and act out their favourite stories, and enjoy design and build in the box craft area. Staff involve children in plenty of physical fun. Children laugh and squeal as they climb in the soft-play area and show skill and accuracy bowling the ball to hit the skittles outside. Staff effectively include counting into games to support children to develop their mathematical skills. For example, children add on to their total the number of skittles that fall after each turn. Younger children have their own files which show photographs of the activities they take part in and staff make links to the areas of learning. Staff build on children's language skills in all activities and encourage them to talk confidently about what they are doing.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The club offers an environment where children have fun and are eager to join in with the wide selection of activities available to them. For example, they enjoy using writing implements to colour pictures and write their names and older children skilfully use small construction bricks. Teatime is a sociable occasion where children enjoy talking with their friends. They demonstrate their independence as they create and make their own wrap sandwiches with ham, salami, cheese, and a range of salad vegetables. Children have access to drinks throughout the session and can often choose between having a hot or a cold meal. Staff offer good support to children with special dietary requirements by providing a menu that is inclusive to all, so no child feels different. They also offer good support to children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. For example, staff provide one to one care and follow well-planned strategies, so the consistent approach helps children to understand the routine and the boundaries of the club.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY550221
Local authority	Kirklees
Inspection number	1111332
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	5 - 11
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	8
Name of registered person	Katherine Anne Stopford
Registered person unique reference number	RP544301
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07525049742

Woodlands Out of School Club registered in 2017. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 2. The club operates Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm during term time. During school holidays the club operates from 7.30am to 6pm.

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