

Playmates Fun Club

Lower Fold, Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 5DU



Inspection date

25 June 2018

Previous inspection date

8 January 2018

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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 enthusiastic and committed to providing a high-quality service. She leads staff effectively and together they have made impressive improvements since the last inspection.
- Children are happy, settled and thoroughly enjoy their time at the club. They play, relax and spend time with their friends.
- Staff vigilantly supervise children and prioritise their safety. The manager ensures staff are deployed effectively. They have secure collection procedures to ensure children are safe and accounted for at all times.
- The manager and staff work closely as a team and regularly reflect on their practice. They seek feedback from parents and children. The manager monitors the quality of the provision and uses clear plans to identify areas for future improvements.
- Children form good relationships with staff and there is an effective key-person system in place. This helps to support children's emotional well-being effectively, particularly younger children's.
- Parents highly praise staff and the manager for the strong focus on the safety and care of children. They comment on the wide range of fun activities their children enjoy.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not make full use of the good links with the school to complement children's experiences and interests at the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build on the good links with the school to fully complement and enhance the quality of children's experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors, and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager/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

Farzana Iqbal

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff know the correct procedures to follow if they have concerns about children's welfare and safety. They attend training to increase their knowledge of safeguarding children. Staff carry out regular checks of the premises and equipment to ensure children are safe. They support children's understanding of safety. For example, children know they must wear safety helmets when using scooters and inline skates and follow general safety rules well. There are robust recruitment procedures to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. The manager ensures the ongoing suitability of staff to work with children. The manager supports staff closely and they work effectively as a team to ensure high standards in the club. She has effective systems for staff supervision and training. For example, all staff have recently completed training regarding behaviour management.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff have a good understanding of children's interests and provide a wide range of activities that captures children's interests and engages them well. Staff encourage and respond quickly to children's requests for activities. Children particularly enjoy art and craft activities. For example, older children make intricate designs using beads and younger children enjoy painting and mark making. Children play with cars and building blocks while staff support them closely. For example, staff encourage children to think of ideas, such as to make castles and a car wash using the construction resources. Children are proud of their achievements and excitedly show parents when they arrive to collect them. Staff promote children's communication skills and help them to form friendships. Children have lively discussions about animals and talk about endangered species. Older children support younger children in their play.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff provide a welcoming environment. Children have many opportunities to be physically active after their school day. Staff ensure that children have the choice to play outdoors and there is wide range of toys and equipment for children to enjoy. For example, children play football and use various climbing and balancing equipment. Staff encourage children to keep hydrated when the weather is warm and ensure all children have appropriate sun protection. Staff are effective role models and explain clear boundaries to children. Children follow rules and instructions. They demonstrate good behaviour and polite manners. Staff support children's independence and confidence well. For example, some children are particularly proud of their stickers given to them for effort and achievement. Staff provide good opportunities to support children's understanding of healthy lifestyles. For instance, children enjoy vibrant and refreshing fruit and vegetables.

Setting details

Unique reference number	404581
Local authority	Stockport
Inspection number	1122492
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	60
Number of children on roll	91
Name of registered person	Jill Diane Drabble
Registered person unique reference number	RP513804
Date of previous inspection	8 January 2018
Telephone number	0161 427 1446

Playmates Fun Club registered in 1991 and is privately owned. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate qualifications at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday, all year round. During term time, sessions are from 7.45am until 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm. The club serves children from the school during term time and is open to all children during school holidays. During school holidays the club is open from 8am to 6pm.

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