

Darmons Fun House Kids Club

Station Road, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7RG



Inspection date

20 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 quickly choose their favourite activities when they arrive in the setting. They join in with their friends and play together with sustained interest and enthusiasm.
- Managers work well with the staff team. The setting is organised effectively. Children play safely on the play frame in the Fun House. Staff are vigilant while letting children try new challenges and encouraging them to 'have a go'.
- Children get on well with each other. The younger children enjoy being with their older siblings, while the older children look out for the younger ones.
- Staff get to know the children well. They sit alongside them and join in their play. They help children with more-difficult tasks if needed.
- Children enjoy healthy food at mealtimes and for snacks. Older children help to serve the meals while staff encourage all children to sit together and try different foods.
- Staff have fostered good relationships with parents. They regularly share information about what the children have been doing and ensure any messages are passed on from school so that parents are fully informed.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff miss opportunities to find out what the younger children are doing at school so that they can build on children's interests more effectively at the club.
- Sometimes, the planned activities lack sufficient challenge for older children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- improve partnerships with the schools that children attend, to enable staff to find out more about children's current interests and achievements to foster continuity in provision
- develop staff skills further to ensure that older children receive sufficient challenge.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities upstairs and in the Fun House, and assessed the impact on children's learning and enjoyment.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and looked at relevant documents and evidence of the suitability of staff in the club.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Judith Chinnery

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Managers organise the setting well. Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff know whom to contact should they be concerned about a child. They recognise and know what to do should a child be at risk from extreme or radical ideas. Managers have carefully assessed the risks associated with the play frame in the Fun House. Children use this equipment freely at times when there are few, if any, members of the public inside. Managers and staff regularly evaluate activities and the organisation of the sessions. They also ask children for their ideas and feedback. They use this information to make suitable improvements to their provision. Staff have a range of experience working with different age groups of children. They adapt their practice well to meet the needs of the youngest and oldest children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff are enthusiastic and enjoy being with the children. They help younger children to make choices and decide what to do. Older children readily ask staff for ideas and suggestions. Staff introduce new vocabulary effectively and discuss textures and smells, such as when making 'moon dough' with the children. Children of all ages became engrossed in their self-chosen activities. For example, some children spent considerable time mixing the dough into different textures and experimenting with quantity. Staff provide a range of activities, including space for children to be quiet or talk with their friends. Older children spend some time making their own tattoos, adding a small template and different colours of glitter. Staff help with this when needed or engage children in talking about their day at school. Children enjoy using the tablet computers to play favourite games and compare scores with their friends. Boys and girls play cooperatively using the games console. Staff respond well to children's spontaneous ideas. For example, they helped children to finish drawing a picture that they had started at school.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are independent and confident in the setting. Staff help children to take turns and share, as well as giving clear and calm explanations about acceptable behaviour. Children learn about other cultures and beliefs, and are encouraged to respect each other's differences. They are proud to be asked to help with tasks during mealtimes. Children enjoy varied, healthy meals and snacks. They are physically active and walk to and from school to the club each day. The play frame provides children with plenty of physical challenges to climb, balance and test their strength. Staff find out about children's likes and dislikes and needs from parents before they start at the setting.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY501454
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	1055126
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	35
Number of children on roll	5
Name of registered person	Darmons Fun House Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP907306
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01529 414169

Darmons Fun House Kids Club registered in 2015. The club employs five members of staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time, from 7am until 9am and from 3pm until 6pm.

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