

Cookies Link Club

Tim Parry Community Centre, Wroxham Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 3NR



Inspection date	6 July 2018
Previous inspection date	3 June 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 work well together as a team. They know the children well and have good relationships with the parents. All children are happy and settled at the club.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff give each parent individual time when they collect their children, to share information passed from the school and about the time their children have spent in the club.
- Children make many independent choices about their play. Staff ask children what they would like to do throughout the session. Views and opinions are valued and responded to quickly.
- Children of all ages play well together. They help each other, sharing and taking turns as they play. This also helps children to develop their friendships and contributes to a warm and friendly environment.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Strategies to engage parents in sharing their views and contributing to the club's self-evaluation have not been fully developed.
- Staff do not fully maximise opportunities to gather information that compliments children's learning at school and includes their interests.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage all parents to contribute their views more when evaluating the strengths of the club and planning future changes
- strengthen current arrangements to gather information about children's skills and interests.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector observed activities and the care of children in the playroom and outdoor area.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took their views into account.

Inspector

Donna Jennings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager and staff are enthusiastic about the club, which helps to create a warm, welcoming and enjoyable environment. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff can identify the possible signs of abuse and know whom to contact should they have any concerns about the welfare of a child. Staff regularly attend safeguarding training to update their knowledge of any recent changes to local safeguarding procedures. The premises are secure, staff are vigilant and are deployed well within the setting. Staff have a good awareness of the procedures to identify risks to children and protect them from harm. The manager routinely reflects on the quality of the club, works closely with staff and holds regular update meetings. This helps ensure staff are kept involved and fully informed of any changes within the club. Staff receive ongoing support and guidance to improve their knowledge and practice.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The staff team is well qualified. Staff make good use of their knowledge and experience. They communicate well with the schools children attend. Staff provide a range of activities that they know the children will enjoy. Children use their imaginations and creative skills well, for example, when they designed and created iced biscuits. They had the opportunity to select different decorations for their creations. Children play very well together, they take turns and older children offer help and support to younger ones. All children have good communication skills and enjoy sharing their thoughts and ideas with their peers and staff. Staff actively get involved with children's play, which encourages them to stay engaged and interested in the activities. Staff offer lots of praise and encouragement throughout the session. They listen carefully to what children say and respond swiftly to make changes. Children have the opportunity to complete homework in a quieter space. Staff are close by to offer help and assistance when required. Children have fun outdoors finding ants for their ant farm, and treating the ants with great care as they handle them.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children arrive at the club happy and confident. Staff encourage children to be independent. Children demonstrate good independence skills as they hang up their coats and bags, and wash and dry their hands ready for a snack. They are familiar with consistent routines, which helps support their emotional well-being. Children behave well and show a good awareness of the needs of others. They are kind and courteous to each other and to the staff. Children have good opportunities to be physically active outdoors. They enjoy playing physical games with their friends and staff, such as football and tennis.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY356870
Local authority	Warrington
Inspection number	1093085
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	32
Number of children on roll	100
Name of registered person	Jacqueline Ann Cook
Registered person unique reference number	RP515001
Date of previous inspection	3 June 2015
Telephone number	07790 040 805 or 07929 264 886

Cookies Link Club registered in 2007 and is based in Great Sankey, in Warrington, Cheshire. The provider employs nine members of childcare staff. Of these, six staff hold early years qualification at level 2 or above, including one staff member who has a level 4 qualification. The out-of-school club operates from Monday to Friday in term time only, from 7.30am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm.

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