

Ok Mum UK Limited - Altrincham



Altrincham Association Football Club, Moss Lane, Altrincham WA15 8AP

Inspection date	14 September 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 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

The provision is good

- The well-qualified and dedicated manager is an advocate for playwork. She aspires to be outstanding and has created an oasis of calm, where children flourish and thrive through good-quality play experiences.
- Children's laughter and eagerness to explore permeate throughout this busy and vibrant club. Children immerse themselves in deep imagination as they travel to a 'magical island' to search for hidden treasure. They play harmoniously across the different age ranges and behave very well.
- Respect, acceptance and tolerance are golden threads of this good-quality club. Children have a strong sense of belonging and have a deep understanding of the diverse community to which they belong. They discuss the make-up of different families and articulately talk about celebrations from around the world.
- Partnership working is strong. The manager has established robust links with the local school, parents and external childcare professionals. Parents receive regular newsletters and are kept well-informed of their children's time at the club.
- Staff are skilled in supporting children's large-muscle development. They plan a variety of activities which tests physical endurance and perseverance. Children relish these opportunities and show good physical dexterity as they play football and complete assault courses.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although procedures are in place for monitoring staff practice, the manager has not fully embedded systems to help raise the overall quality of teaching to an outstanding level.
- When assessing the club's strengths and areas for improvement, leaders do not consistently take into account the views of staff and parents.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to embed systems to monitor staff practice, to strengthen and drive forward the overall quality to an outstanding level
- include the views of staff and parents in self-evaluation.

Inspection activities

- The inspector conducted a tour of the premises.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning, during play inside and outside.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager and spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and other written comments.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. He looked at relevant documentation, such as the club's plans for improvement and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.

Inspector

Luke Heaney

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Leaders are creative and constantly explore new ways to improve children's play experiences at the club. They model this way of working to their staff and children, who in turn strive to achieve their very best. Staff receive the relevant support, guidance and coaching during supervisory sessions and appraisal meetings. They attend mandatory training programmes and keep up to date with changes in legislation and policy. Overall, self-evaluation is good. Improvement plans are sharply focused and the manager's capacity to improve is good. Staff supervise children with great vigilance and all areas of the club are safe and secure. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of possible abuse and neglect. They know the referral procedure well and understand the correct steps to take if they have a concern about the professional conduct of a colleague.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff have a good understanding of child development and the playwork principles. They use this expert knowledge to plan enjoyable and personalised experiences which keep children motivated and interested to play. Children relish every opportunity to be involved in creativity and imagination. Younger children demonstrate good concentration skills as they build towers from small blocks. They confidently operate cause-and-effect toys and giggle with delight while drawing. Older children devise their own rules for ring games and become enthralled while enacting roles of superheroes outdoors. Staff prepare children very well for their next steps in play and learning. They liaise with class teachers and encourage children to talk about their feelings and thoughts about impending moves to new classes and schools.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are good role models and have high expectations of children. They have a robust settling-in procedure and support children's physical and emotional well-being very well. Children are self-confident, resilient and self-assured individuals. They are keen to take on new challenges and never give up until a task is complete. They talk about the importance of keeping themselves safe during their play and remind one another not to run too fast outdoors. Staff provide children with healthy, wholesome and nutritious food. They teach them the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle and provide plenty of opportunities for them to be physically active.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY501585
Local authority	Trafford
Inspection number	10076629
Type of provision	Out-of-school day care
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	3 - 14
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	49
Name of registered person	Ok Mum (UK) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP903445
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01619281045

Ok Mum UK Limited - Altrincham registered in 2016. The setting provides out-of-school care from 7.30am until 9am and from 2.30pm until 6.30pm, term time only. The setting employs seven members of staff. Six staff members hold a level 2 or level 3 qualification and one staff member is unqualified.

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