

# Explosion The Altogether Club

Sutton Road School, Retrace Centre, Moor Lane, Mansfield,  
Nottinghamshire NG18 5SF



<b>Inspection date</b>	25 September 2018
Previous inspection date	9 October 2017

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	Previous inspection:	Requires improvement	3
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 manager has addressed the areas for development identified at the previous inspection successfully. There is now a key-person system in place. Young children settle well and feel relaxed and content from the start.
- The manager provides staff with ongoing support to help them to fulfil their roles. Staff benefit from regular supervisory meetings and further training opportunities, which have a positive impact on staff and the experiences of the children.
- Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of how young children learn through play. Children are consistently included in planning and evaluating activities. This helps to provide them with a sense of belonging. Staff provide a wide range of activities that are suitable for the different ages of the children that attend.
- Staff have good links with the host school. They exchange information about children, which helps staff to plan activities that match their interests and complement the learning that takes place in school.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not obtain sufficient information from parents about their children's interests and skills prior to them starting at the club.
- Staff do not take every opportunity to promote children's understanding of the benefits of a healthy diet.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- build ways in which parents share information about their children's interests on entry
- increase the opportunities provided for children that help them learn about the importance of eating healthily.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector evaluated the range of activities on offer, in discussion with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.

#### Inspector

Teresa Lester

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager and staff fully understand how to protect children's welfare and know what would give them cause for concern. Systems for recruiting staff are robust. The manager regularly checks that staff remain suitable to work with children. Staff carry out risk assessments on the premises to maintain children's safety at all times. Staff communicate well with each other as a team and deploy themselves efficiently across the indoor and outdoor environments. All staff undertake a range of training, such as safeguarding, first aid and food safety to promote children's well-being. The manager acknowledges the views of staff, children and parents. This helps her to evaluate the provision and identify targets to focus for further improvement. Parents comment on how much their children enjoy attending the club and praising the level of care provided.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The experienced and dedicated staff provide a variety of activities that challenge and excite children. Each day there is a focused activity children can join in with, such as cooking or arts and crafts. Children show a positive attitude and are willing to 'have-a-go'. They enjoy designing and creating stain glass window pictures. Younger children use scissors competently to create intricate details. They demonstrate great pride in their achievement, eagerly showing others what they have done. Children have lots of fun as they spend time taking part in imaginary play. They use their imaginations well as they create their own games while dressing up. Children play with doll houses for sustained periods of time. Staff encourage children to explore a range of festivals throughout the year. Children enjoy food tasting and craft activities. This helps them to learn about and develop respect for the similarities and differences between themselves and the wider world.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are friendly, caring and attentive. They have a very warm rapport with the children. This supports children's emotional well-being successfully. Children of all ages play well together and demonstrate teamwork and cooperation. They build good friendships with their peers. Children behave well and use good manners without being reminded to do so. They are happy, and talk freely and enthusiastically to staff and visitors about what they are doing and enjoy. Children tell the inspector that they like to come to the club and play with their friends. They have time to relax, read books and talk with their friends after a busy day at school. Staff provide children with vast opportunities to thoroughly enjoy being active and energetic. Children develop increased control of a ball as they kick and throw them backwards and forwards to each other for example. Children learn the importance of keeping themselves safe. Staff practise the evacuation procedure with them to ensure they know what to do in the event of an emergency.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	253262
<b>Local authority</b>	Nottinghamshire County Council
<b>Inspection number</b>	10077437
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Age range of children</b>	4 - 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	37
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Retrace Committee
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP525389
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 October 2017
<b>Telephone number</b>	07904451898

Explosion The Altogether Club registered in 1996. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.50am and from 3.10pm until 5.45pm.

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