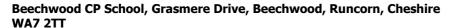
Beechwood Link Club





Inspection date	27 September 2018
Previous inspection date	24 September 2015

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Good	2
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- Since the previous inspection, the management team has successfully evaluated the provision. For example, clearly defined play spaces have been designed to meet the needs of younger children.
- Children are happy, settled and confident. They have good relationships with staff and each other. Children arrive from different schools keen to find their friends and play.
- Children are provided with a wide range of activities that challenges and interests them, such as pretending to be hairdressers at the salon.
- Children have the opportunity to enjoy fresh air and exercise daily. During fine weather they enjoy exploring the playground including a pirate ship, large climbing frame and wheeled toys.
- Staff have high expectations of what children can achieve to help them to develop their skills successfully. Children behave well and show respect and kindness to others.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Systems for professional development do not yet focus strongly enough on what can be done to improve the practice of individual staff.
- Staff do not take full advantage of opportunities to gather information about children's skills and interests to further complement their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the programme in place for professional development to focus even more on raising the quality of staff practice
- gather more information about children's skills and interests to further complement their learning while attending the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector completed joint observations with the provider.
- The inspector talked to the provider, staff, parents and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including evidence of staff suitability and training, and the provider's self-evaluation form.

Inspector

Liz Fortune-Price

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The manager and staff are passionate about the club, which helps to create a warm, welcoming and enjoyable environment. Safeguarding and child protection policies, including safer recruitment procedures, are implemented well. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and know what to do if concerns are raised. The manager ensures that staff supervise children well to reduce the risk of accidents. For example, during outdoor play experiences children are reminded to keep at least three points of their body on the climbing frame. The management team seeks the views of parents and takes these into account when further developing the club. For example, staff now offer a greater variety of meals to meet children's needs. The provider has established a good relationship with the host school and regularly attends school forum meetings to benefit children's experiences.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

On arrival at the club, children organise themselves and independently choose from the selection of resources available to them. For example, some choose to get creative and engage in colouring and building structures from building blocks. Some children play board games with friends, developing turn taking and negotiation skills. Children have opportunities to play imaginatively and staff engage in role-play activities alongside them. For example, children in the salon are encouraged to take drink orders and use spray bottles of water to create new hairstyles. Staff know children well and parents comment that their children are happy in the club and have lots of fun. Staff communicate well with children, encouraging them to explore ideas and challenge themselves. Children play well together, learning new skills as they play with children of all ages. For example, older children are chosen to buddy up with younger children to promote confidence and a sense of belonging. Older children provide good role models for younger children.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are kind, caring and consider children's needs well. Children enjoy their time at the club and confidently discuss the things they like to do. They collaborate well and show a good understanding of the rules and boundaries. Staff encourage children to be independent. Children demonstrate independence as they hang up their coats and bags, and wash and dry their hands ready for a snack. Staff provide children with nutritious snacks and support their understanding of healthy lifestyles. For example, they plan activities based around healthy eating and exercise. Children are keen to access the outdoor area and have plenty of opportunities to be physically active.

Setting details

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Type of provisionOut-of-school day care

Registers

Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare
Register Voluntary Childcare Register

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeChildcare on non-domestic premises

Age range of children4 - 11Total number of places40Number of children on roll50

Name of registered person Knowles, Marisa Julie

Registered person unique

reference number

RP512238

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Beechwood Link Club registered in 2011 and is managed by a private provider. The club employs eight members of staff, three of whom hold appropriate qualifications. The club opens during term time from 7.30am until 9am and from 3pm until 6pm. During the school holidays, the club opens from 7.30am until 6pm.

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