

YMCA Childcare - Middleton

Middleton School, Harrow Road, NOTTINGHAM NG8 1FG



Inspection date	16 October 2018
Previous inspection date	4 September 2014

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

- Children learn about their safety in the club and how to use equipment carefully. Staff are vigilant with regard to safety and potential risks are identified and minimised. Access to the club is overseen by a member of staff, and children are only released into the care of known adults.
- Partnerships with parents are well established. Parents appreciate the friendliness of staff and the invaluable service they provide for them.
- Managers and staff have secure knowledge of how to protect children from harm. Clear policies and procedures are implemented to ensure children are kept safe at all times.
- Children develop good independence and manage their personal needs well during the club's daily activities and routines. Children are confident and display a good sense of belonging.
- Staff use different strategies well, such as modelling new language and asking open questions, to engage children in meaningful and interesting conversations.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not collate enough information from the teachers in the host school about children's interests and progress to ensure these are fully complemented in the activities at the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend the range of information collated from teachers about children's interests and progress to further complement and enhance their play and learning experiences.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children engaged in a range of activities with staff.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a small number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector
Tina Garner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The management team and staff have a clear understanding of how to keep children safe and the procedures to follow if they have any concerns. Staff have completed training to enable them to understand how to identify vulnerable children. Staff use risk assessments effectively to minimise potential hazards and maintain a safe environment. The managers review the quality of the provision and monitor staff practice. They identify their professional development needs and plan training to enhance and strengthen their skills and practice. Parents are happy with the care that staff provide. They say that their children enjoy their time at the club and that it provides a good extension to their learning at school.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children's time at the club provides them with good overall opportunities to further develop the skills and attributes needed for their continued learning in school. Staff encourage children to use their imaginations as they sit together, designing and creating pictures, completing programs on the computer or playing board games. Older children happily play alongside younger children and include them in their games and discussions. Children concentrate well as they construct with small bricks or spend time drawing and colouring. Staff interact with children positively and involve themselves in their play. They talk to children, ask questions and encourage them to share their thoughts, helping to build on their language skills. Children are routinely consulted and involved in planning activities for future sessions. As a result, children engage well and show enthusiasm for what is on offer.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are generally self-assured and settled in their surroundings. They enjoy expressing their ideas and feelings during group-time discussions. Staff have worked with children to develop rules and values for the club. Consequently, children know what to expect during sessions and follow the clear boundaries and consistent practice provided by staff. Children happily talk to visitors about the activities they enjoy. They confidently follow the daily routine and receive good support to follow a healthy lifestyle. Children understand the importance of washing their hands at appropriate times throughout the session. They enjoy sharing healthy foods for snack and participate readily in active play outdoors.

Setting details

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Local authority	Nottingham
Inspection number	10069668
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	4 - 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	150
Name of registered person	Nottinghamshire Ymca
Registered person unique reference number	RP903314
Date of previous inspection	4 September 2014
Telephone number	01159153261

YMCA Childcare - Middleton registered in 2013. It is situated in a dedicated room within the grounds of Middleton School in Nottingham. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds level 5. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.45am and 3.30pm until 5.45pm.

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