

Garforth Kids Club at St. Benedict's

St Benedicts Parish Centre, Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS25 1PX



Inspection date	15 October 2018
Previous inspection date	19 November 2015

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

- Staff have strong relationships with other settings that children attend. They regularly share information about children's interests and experiences to support good levels of continuity in their care and well-being.
- The views of the children and parents are regularly gained to identify the club's strengths and target areas for improvement. This shared approach helps to drive improvement forward.
- The spacious room is well organised and resourced. Staff provide a good selection of activities that suit the needs of the wide age range of children at the club. Children excitedly follow their own interests and become absorbed in their play.
- Staff act as positive role models. They set a good example through their calm approach and friendly manner. Children demonstrate a clear understanding of their boundaries and their behaviour is good. They show that they are confident and emotionally settled.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always promptly obtain information from parents regarding what they know about their child's interests before they begin at the club.
- Professional development opportunities focus on mandatory training rather than prioritising areas that will enhance staff's overall practice.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the system for parents to share information about their child's interests before they start at the club
- develop further staff's knowledge and focus more precisely on continually improving key areas of practice.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities and assessed the impact this had on children.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to children and staff.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Judith Bodill-Chandler

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff demonstrate a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and the procedure to follow if they are concerned about a child's welfare. The premises are safe and secure. Staff carefully supervise children and carry out safety checks to ensure children's safety and well-being. External doors are locked and staff welcome parents at the door when they arrive to collect their children. Staff complete relevant training in safeguarding and first aid. This further helps to protect children from harm. The management team has effective procedures for recruiting new staff and making sure the necessary checks on their suitability are complete. Induction procedures are robust and the manager holds regular supervision sessions with staff. Parents comment that they are very happy with the club describing the staff as 'amazing'.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff offer children a good balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities. For example, children explore and manipulate play dough, which helps to develop their small-muscle skills. Staff make appropriate use of questions to encourage children to be active learners and to think critically. For example, staff challenge children to think about which animals live in which countries. Staff introduce mathematical language to children through everyday play. For example, they encourage children to talk about the different size and shape of the boxes they are using to make their models. Children concentrate for long periods on their chosen activities. For example, children enjoy making a skeleton house and boat out of construction materials. Staff talk to parents on a daily basis when children are collected, sharing information from the school and discussing activities children have enjoyed in the club. This helps to successfully promote their ongoing development.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children come into the club and are eager to participate in the activities on offer. Children say they enjoy coming to the club because they 'like to see their friends'. Staff offer good opportunities for children to develop their independence skills. For example, children select their own snack from the counter and sit down with their friends to eat. All foods offered are healthy and nutritious. Mealtimes are sociable occasions. Staff listen carefully to children and chat with them about their day. Children have direct access to a large grassed outdoor play area. They enjoy spending time outdoors in the fresh air and take part in activities to develop their physical well-being. The club has an effective key-person system in place. This helps to ensure the youngest children's well-being is suitably managed and links are built with parents. There are opportunities for children to learn about other cultures of the world.

Setting details

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Local authority	Leeds
Inspection number	10064259
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 - 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	75
Name of registered person	Garforth Kids Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP911216
Date of previous inspection	19 November 2015
Telephone number	07803 723241

Garforth Kids Club Ltd at St Benedicts registered in 1999. The club employs four members of childcare staff. The manager holds a level 3 qualification in childcare. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 6pm.

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