

C.A.T.S Club @ Maynards Green

Maynards Green Cp School, Maynards Green, Heathfield TN21 0DD



Inspection date	18 October 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

- Children enjoy their time at this welcoming, friendly club. They arrive happily after school and are eager to take part in activities with staff and their friends.
- Staff have a close relationship with the school staff and work with them well. For instance, they share useful information each day and meet teachers each week to find out about classroom planning, to help ensure a consistent approach.
- There are strong partnerships with parents. Staff keep them well-informed about day-to-day activities and events. Parents value the service provided and are happy with their child's care.
- Staff make good use of what they learn through training courses to develop their practice. For example, they found a course useful to reflect on how to use positive strategies to encourage children's good behaviour.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- On occasion, staff do not encourage children to complete some simple tasks that they could manage for themselves, to help further extend their self-care skills and independence.
- The arrangements for evaluating the club and driving forward further improvements are not fully extended to include the views and ideas of staff.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend opportunities for children to complete tasks for themselves and further enhance their self-care skills
- strengthen self-evaluation processes further to include the views and ideas of all staff.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children and staff during activities in the indoor and outdoor areas.
- The inspector had discussions with the manager and staff about their practice.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation.
- The inspector spoke to some parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Rebecca Khabbazi

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Managers and staff have a clear understanding of their responsibilities towards the children in their care. They understand how to recognise and report any child protection concerns. Staff are conscientious about supervising children closely at all times. For instance, they accompany children if they go over to the main school hall and watch them carefully outside in the playground. Managers monitor staff performance effectively. For instance, they have recently established a system for observing staff practice and they hold regular meetings with them. Staff receive good support to develop their knowledge and skills, for instance, they are encouraged to work towards relevant qualifications.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide a broad range of activities and resources for children to enjoy after school. They involve children in making choices and seek their views about the provision. For instance, children were eager to add their suggestions to a list of things to buy with funds raised at a sponsored event. Staff engage children in activities well, offering suggestions and support. For example, children were delighted to make paper plate spiders with pipe cleaner legs. Staff give children time to develop their own ideas and follow their lead well. For instance, children decided to make their own ten-pin bowling game and staff made sure they had space to play. They made good use of the opportunity to extend children's learning from school. For instance, they offered children pen and paper to record their scores.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are confident and happy at the club. Staff are caring and friendly and act as good role models. They have positive relationships with children and offer them warm, consistent guidance and praise. They encourage children to show good manners and to be kind to one another. For instance, new children each have a 'buddy' who helps them settle into the club. Children behave well. Older children take care of their younger friends and willingly include them in their games. They cooperate and take turns during activities. Staff offer children a variety of nutritious options at snack time and a hot meal for tea. Children enjoy being active and join in energetic games outside, such as playing sports or navigating the climbing and balancing equipment.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY499800
Local authority	East Sussex
Inspection number	10076750
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 - 10
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Collingwood And Trafalgar School Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP904618
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01273 588762

C.A.T.S Club @ Maynards Green registered in 2016. It operates from Maynards Green Community Primary School in East Sussex. The club is open from 7.30am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm each weekday during term time only. There are four staff, three of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications.

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