

Playzone at Christ the King

Allport Road, Bromborough, Wirral, Merseyside CH62 6AE



Inspection date	2 November 2018
Previous inspection date	6 February 2017

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

- Children confidently arrive at the club where they are warmly greeted by practitioners. Children say they look forward to coming to the club and enjoy the activities and snacks provided.
- Practitioners have a strong focus on children's safety. They ensure that children are appropriately supervised as they move around the school and grounds and complete detailed assessments to minimise risks without compromising children's opportunities to explore and learn.
- The management team has an effective programme of supervision and professional development for practitioners. They regularly offer practitioners opportunities to attend training to broaden their skills and knowledge which has a positive impact on children's well-being and enjoyment.
- The club has a strong links with the host school. The key-worker system helps practitioners to form strong relationships with children and families. Some practitioners also work within the school which helps children to settle quickly and facilitates sharing information about children's well-being.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- On occasions, practitioners do not make best use of opportunities to promote children's understanding of staying healthy as they eat.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen ways of helping children to understand the importance of staying healthy.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities indoors and outdoors with the manager and discussed the impact on children's well-being.
- The inspector interacted with the children and staff at various points during the inspection.
- The inspector examined a sample of relevant documents and evidence of suitability of practitioners.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took their views into account.
- The inspector held discussions with the club's management team, including their plans to improve the provision.

Inspector
Sue Smith

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Practitioners have a thorough understanding of safeguarding. They can confidently identify potential signs of abuse, including wider aspects, and clearly explain the procedures to follow if they have concerns. There is a focused programme in place for practitioners to regularly update their safeguarding knowledge which ensures that it is always current. The dedicated management team is passionate about raising the quality of its provision. It evaluates its practice and seeks the views of children, parents and practitioners when considering ways of improving. They use opportunities to network with other clubs to share good practice and work closely with the local authority childcare assurance officer to further raise the standards of the club. There is a robust recruitment and induction process in place which ensures that practitioners are suitable to work with children and are kept fully informed of their roles and responsibilities. Parents speak very highly of the club practitioners and say they appreciate the flexible care they provide.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Practitioners demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. This helps them to enhance and extend what children learn in school. For example, when children enjoy a hoop game, they count how many hoops they successfully get over the post. They hone their eye hand coordination skills as they engage in bat and ball activities. The indoor and outdoor space is well organised to provide a wide range of activities. The practitioners have worked hard to address the issues raised in the last inspection and hold regular meetings with the children to allow them to have a greater choice in the activities offered. For example, children can now enjoy reading and talking quietly in the newly created cosy corner indoors or the reflective area in the garden. Children freely access art resources for their own projects and develop their own ideas when playing alone. For example, children proudly show practitioners the model they have made.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Practitioners encourage children to do things for themselves. For example, take responsibility for hanging up their coat and bag when they arrive at the club and tidying up. They butter their own crackers and pour their own drinks at snack time. Practitioners have clear expectations about behaviour and reinforce them during the session. For example, children are reminded to use good manners as they pass the jug of water and to take turns as they play. Children behave well and are respectful towards each other. For example, they listen with genuine interest as their friends talk about their day. Children follow good hygiene procedures. Practitioners value children's opinions and children confidently describe how they planned the outdoor garden. Throughout the club, children remain engaged, busy and make good use of the environment. Children enjoy their time outside where they have plenty of space to be active.

Setting details

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Local authority	Wirral
Inspection number	10079574
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	32
Number of children on roll	110
Name of registered person	Playzone (Bromborough) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP520866
Date of previous inspection	6 February 2017
Telephone number	0151 3344345

Playzone at Christ the King was registered in 2002. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one at level 2. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time. Sessions are from 7.45am until 8.50am and from 3pm until 5.45pm.

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