

Abbots Hall Out of School Club



Abbots Hall CP School, Danescourt Avenue, STOWMARKET, Suffolk IP14 1QF

Inspection date	7 November 2018
Previous inspection date	26 October 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 continue to strengthen their links with the host school and information about children's specific needs is exchanged regularly with the headteacher and teachers. This helps ensure the care, support and activities children experience at the club complement their experiences at school.
- Children of different ages are encouraged to show kindness towards each other and they develop highly effective friendships. Staff support older children to set a good example to the youngest children, which helps all children to play very happily together.
- Self-evaluation is used well to help to identify the club's strengths and determine further plans to build on the positive improvements made since the last inspection.
- There are particularly meaningful opportunities for children to learn about various religious and cultural traditions and celebrations. They are encouraged to talk about different festivals and reflect positively on how these differ from their own experiences.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children are not always fully encouraged to take the lead in managing tasks for themselves.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- encourage children to manage more tasks independently and enhance their independence skills to even higher levels.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and assessed the impact these have on children's experiences at the club.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to two members of the management committee and held a meeting with the club manager. She looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of training and the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector
Sarah Clements

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The management committee monitors closely the work of the manager and staff. This helps to drive their ongoing professional development and enhances the quality of activities provided for children. Staff attend regular safeguarding training which helps to maintain their good understanding of their duties in keeping children safe and protected from harm. They are particularly mindful to look out for any signs that a child is experiencing abuse online or at risk of exposure to extreme views or behaviours. Safeguarding is effective. Staff speak to parents readily at collection times and keep them fully informed of their child's time at the club. Parents comment that, when they are experiencing unsettling times at home, they greatly appreciate the care and flexibility the staff show them and their children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff skilfully support children to develop the skills and knowledge they need in readiness to continue with their learning in school. For example, they provide well-resourced areas where children enjoy engaging in imaginative play following a shopping theme. They encourage children to use pens and boards to create shopping lists, which helps to enhance their experiences of writing for different purposes in school. Groups of boys have plenty of space to spread out as they play together with various characters. Staff ask them well-constructed questions about their characters and children extend their imaginative ideas. Staff talk to children about their preferred activities and interests, and often include these in the wide range of activities provided. For example, children who enjoy exploring craft activities are keen to use paint, bubble wrap and dried pieces of plant to create an autumn scene on paper.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children look forward to their time at the club and form strong, reassuring attachments with staff. Their behaviour is very good and they are provided with consistent boundaries which help them to stay safe at the club. Staff support children to learn to share popular toys and take turns. For example, when playing board games, staff skilfully model cooperative behaviour and praise children when they patiently wait for their turn to roll the dice. Children are encouraged to get involved in developing the club's rules and values. Staff reinforce these expectations in a meaningful display which helps to remind children what is expected of them. The available outdoor space is well resourced and used to good effect during most sessions. For example, children often choose to spend their time engaging in sports and team games and run around energetically to benefit their health.

Setting details

Unique reference number	959783
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10066166
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 - 13
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	68
Name of registered person	Abbots Hall Out of School Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP521391
Date of previous inspection	26 October 2015
Telephone number	07913 682 413

Abbots Hall Out of School Club registered in 2001. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds level 2. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time and most school holidays. Sessions are from 7.15am to 8.45am and 3.10pm to 6pm during term time, and from 7.30am to 6pm during school holidays. The club is closed on bank holidays.

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