

Wise Owls Care Club Ltd

Church Hall, Our Lady & St. Werburghs Church, Seabridge Lane,
Newcastle ST5 4AG



Inspection date	4 October 2018
Previous inspection date	14 July 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

- Partnerships with the school are strong and there are clear procedures in place to ensure children arrive safely at the club. Staff regularly share information about the children's progress and needs with the school staff to help promote their care and development.
- Staff place a strong focus on building close relationships with parents. They obtain useful information about the children's care needs and preferences to help new children settle. Parents are kept well informed about the club and any messages from school are recorded and passed on to parents.
- Staff provide a relaxed environment for children after school where they can freely choose and decide what to do. They create plenty of opportunities for children to play with their special friends and socialise.
- Staff know their assigned key children well and place a good priority on getting to know each child and promoting their confidence and emotional well-being.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The manager does not monitor staff interactions and the range of activities on offer incisively, to help raise practice to an exceptional level.
- Staff do not consistently make the very best use of the available space outdoors and indoors to provide children with a wide range of physical play opportunities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- monitor incisively staff interactions and the range of activities on offer to children, to help raise the quality to an exceptional level
- make the very best use of the available space outdoors and indoors to provide children with a rich range of physical play opportunities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club owners and manager of the club. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence relating to the suitability of staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff conduct daily checks to ensure the environment is safe and suitable for when children arrive. There are effective recruitment, vetting and induction systems to ensure all staff are suitable, and they benefit from ongoing staff supervision and training. Staff have regular staff meetings and consult daily with each other about the children and areas for development. There is a clear focused action plan in place to help build on the already good practice achieved. All staff are trained in child protection issues and know the procedure to follow if they have a concern about a child. Staff place a good focus on teaching children about wider safeguarding issues, such as internet and social media safety. Parents report they are highly satisfied with the service they receive. They are impressed with the range of activities on offer, in particular what is on offer during the holiday club. They feel they are kept well informed verbally and through the club's website and the social media page.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan and provide a good range of activities based around the children's interests and preferences. For example, arts and crafts are popular with children and they spend a long time making their creations. Staff provide good opportunities for children to use their senses and explore materials. For example, children thoroughly enjoy exploring the sand, water and play dough. Many children choose to socialise with their friends and indulge in their own fantasy and imaginative play. Staff give children the space to extend their own play. They provide opportunities for children to build and construct with a variety of construction toys and develop their own ideas. During the holiday club, staff provide enjoyable activities based around topics that quickly capture the children's interest and imagination. For example, children learn about the wider world as they undertake enjoyable activities about the Olympics and Paralympics. One of the children's firm favourites is the 'survival day' where they learn about their natural environment and how to make dens and keep warm.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff place a good focus on teaching children about the rules in place for their safety. For example, children understand the procedure for their walk to and from school. Staff help children talk about their feelings, and learn about the feelings of others and respecting one another. Staff teach children about the importance of a healthy diet and how to prevent the spread of infection. For example, children are keen to take part in an activity where they use glitter on their hands to demonstrate how easily germs are transferred to others and the importance of thorough handwashing. Children benefit from low-sugar cereals at breakfast and have a selection of fruit available throughout the session. Staff have close relationships with children and know their parents well. Staff show a genuine interest in what children say and join in sensitively as they play.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY474335
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10069786
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	54
Name of registered person	Wise Owls Care Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP911211
Date of previous inspection	14 July 2014
Telephone number	07986865466

Wise Owls Care Club Ltd re-registered in 2013. It operates from Our Lady and St Werburgh's church hall in Newcastle, Staffordshire. The club opens Monday to Friday, for 49 weeks of the year. The opening hours are 7.30am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm during term time and from 7.30am until 6pm during school holidays. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3, one holds a qualification at level 2 and two are unqualified.

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