Little Flyers After School Club



Stokenchurch Youth & Community Centre, Bartholomew Tipping Way, Stokenchurch, HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire HP14 3RX

Inspection date	12 March 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Inadequate Not applicable	4
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and asset	ssment	Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The manager does not ensure that the required ratios are maintained at all times, particularly when staff go on school collections. She does not appropriately deploy staff to ensure that babies' developmental needs are consistently met, and to help ensure children remain safe at all times.
- Staff do not maintain accurate records of the children's hours of attendance to safeguard them, particularly in the event of an emergency.
- The manager does not ensure that the organisation of staff and activities follow the interests of the babies as they play.
- Arrangements for supervision and self-evaluation are ineffective. They do not focus enough on staff's performance to extend their skills and quality of practice and provision.
- Staff do not consistently support children to learn what is an expected standard of behaviour or remind them of what is appropriate and why. For instance, they miss chances to explain why it is not safe to run in the room or climb on chairs.

It has the following strengths

- Staff form positive relationships with parents and staff at other settings children attend. They share information and provide some consistency in their care and development.
- Children form close relationships with staff and each other. They show compassion towards each other and take turns well with the variety of activities available.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
ensure that required ratios are met and children are adequately supervised and safe at all times	26/03/2019
improve the effectiveness of staff deployment to meet babies' developmental needs and ensure all children are safe at all times	26/03/2019
maintain an accurate daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance	27/03/2019
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improve the supervision of staff and sharpen the focus on professional development to raise the quality of staff practice.	05/04/2019

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

- improve self-evaluation procedures to identify and address weaknesses in the quality of the provision and staff practice
- develop consistency in supporting children to fully understand the expected standards of behaviour and consequences of their actions.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities indoors.
- The inspector observed and evaluated a mealtime with the manager.
- The inspector had discussions with the children, staff and the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection and through written feedback.
- The inspector looked at a range of relevant documentation relating to safeguarding and staff suitability, as well as policies, procedures and progress records.

Inspector

Helen Harnew

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is ineffective. Management fail to identify breaches in safeguarding requirements and do not adequately safeguard children's safety and well-being. Several staff leave the building to collect children from different schools. During this time, the manager does not monitor the child-to-staff ratios efficiently to ensure these are maintained at all times. For example, she was unaware that they were not meeting the required ratio and allowed staff to leave the building. The manager and staff do not keep an accurate record of children's arrival and departure times, to monitor children's attendance and maintain ratios. These breaches in practice puts children's safety at significant risk. However, staff have suitable knowledge of the safeguarding procedures to follow if they are concerned about a child's welfare. The manager does not offer effective coaching to raise the quality of staff practice and interactions with children swiftly. Management does not use self-evaluation effectively. Plans for future development do not sufficiently focus on key weaknesses in the provision. However, the manager invites children and parent's views on the quality of the provision. Parents comment that they are happy with the care provided and feel that their children have fun in the setting. The manager ensures that the staff and vehicle used to collect children are suitable to keep children safe on outings.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

Staff provide older children with a suitable selection of toys and resources. Most children arrive happy and engage fully in play. However, the learning environment and staffing arrangements do not support babies interests and developmental needs. For example, staff at the inspection did not offer enough supervision to allow them to follow babies' interests consistently. The activities were not tailored towards their individual development and interests: at times, babies lost interest and became tearful. Staff share suitable information with parents and staff at other settings children attend to offer consistency in their care and learning. They introduce some opportunities for children to continue to build on their existing interests, such as developing their mathematical skills. For instance, encouraging children to learn about capacity, during mealtimes. Overall, children enjoy being creative with the variety of art and craft resources available.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The weaknesses in leadership and management do not ensure children's welfare is adequately met at all times. The manager and staff do not consistently deploy themselves effectively to ensure that children are adequately supervised and safe. For example, they were not in ratio or deployed effectively and could not prevent a young child climbing and falling from a chair. Most children behave well. However, staff miss opportunities to help children understand the behaviours that are expected from them. For instance, not all staff explain to children why it is unsafe to climb on chairs or run in the room. Children have suitable opportunities to exercise and develop their physical skills. They follow appropriate hygiene practice, such as handwashing before eating. The manager and staff are welcoming, and children develop close relationships with staff and other children.

Setting details

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Local authorityBuckinghamshire

Inspection number 10090013

Type of provision Childcare on non-domestic premises

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeOut-of-school day care

Age range of children 1 - 8

Total number of places 80

Number of children on roll 43

Name of registered person

Brind, Michelle Nicola

Registered person unique

reference number

RP910884

Telephone numberNot applicable 07788 535674

The out-of school club registered in 2017. It operates in Stokenchurch. The club employs nine members of staff. Of these, five have appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and 5. The setting has babies and children on roll. It operates on Mondays to Fridays, between 7.45am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm, during term times only.

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