

Merryoak Kidzplay

Festival Hall, Merryoak Road, SOUTHAMPTON SO19 7QR



Inspection date	13 March 2019
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

This provision is good

- Children play harmoniously together and those new to the club settle quickly. They build strong relationships with staff who show a good understanding of their needs.
- The staff provide stimulating play choices which quickly captures children's interests. The children show excitement, laugh and enjoy their leisure time, being creative with new friends.
- The staff have a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities. They receive regular training and coaching, which helps to keep their safeguarding knowledge fully updated.
- The parents give complimentary and appreciative feedback about the staff. They trust the staff and state the communication between them is 'brilliant'. Their children love to attend the club.
- Children enjoy regular fresh air and exercise. They walk safely to and from school each day. Staff plan cooperative, fun outdoor games which children relish.
- Some of the play areas lack high-quality, inviting play spaces for children to fully enjoy. However, the owners of the premises are in the process of refurbishment.
- The directors recognise there is room to improve the partnership with children's schools to develop high levels of information sharing about children's welfare.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- develop high-quality, inviting play spaces for children to fully enjoy, particularly in regard to the outdoors
- strengthen the partnership and relationship with the schools children attend.

Inspection activities

- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day.
- The inspector walked with staff and children from the infant school to the club.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the supervisor.
- The inspector observed children's play activities and staff interaction.
- The inspector held a leadership and management discussion with the supervisor and two directors and looked at documentation.

Inspector

Lorraine Wardlaw

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The directors have secure management systems in place to ensure the smooth running of the club. Along with the supervisor, they monitor staff performance closely to ensure they follow clear policies and procedures and meet the requirements. Under performance is quickly addressed by the directors. Staff take part in regular appraisals and supervision to discuss their training and coaching needs. Self-evaluation is accurate and ongoing. Safeguarding is effective. There is strong emphasis on child protection. Overall, staff show confidence on what to look out for and know what to do if concerned about a child or adult, including those with strong views. Staff supervise children extremely well, especially on the routine walk from school. They show a clear understanding of minimising risks and how to keep children safe.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children are extremely happy and settled in the well-managed club. They excitedly and independently make play choices from the good variety on offer to them. For example, children design and make personalised, sensory, ball figures using a selection of media and materials. Children show confidence when they talk to staff about their home, school and play activities. They engage well with different age groups of children. Children develop strong social skills playing together with new friends, such as taking turns to be in goal when playing football. They happily and proudly use the chalk board to write names of friends and family. The staff show strong, purposeful interaction with children and get fully involved in their play. They demonstrate how to make crafts and are enthusiastic in group games, which motivates children.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children are well cared for by the staff who show they have a good knowledge of each child. Staff are fully aware of children with allergies and specific needs, and follow effective systems to ensure their needs are met. For example, they have a specific, experienced staff member who closely supervises children with additional needs and monitors their well-being. Children demonstrate good behaviour. The staff are good role models and implement effective procedures to help gain children's attention. For example, when they tell them about a change in routine they count to three, the children count to six and then everyone listens to the adult. An effective booking system makes sure staff have all required information about children, particularly the most vulnerable group. Information about the setting's activities and their procedures to support children's welfare is easily available to parents.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY541920
Local authority	Southampton
Inspection number	10089616
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	22
Name of registered person	Kidz Play (UK) Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901363
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01794519999

Merryoak Kidz Club re-registered in 2016. It is one of 13 settings owned by Kidz Play (UK) Limited. The club operates from a community centre in Merryoak, Southampton. The breakfast and after-school club is open each weekday from 7.30am until 9am and 3.15pm until 5.30pm, during school term time only. The club employs five staff who work with the children, of whom four have relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 and one at level 2.

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