

2nd Home Childcare Out Of School Club

St Johns Parish Church Hall, Birtley Lane, Chester Le Street DH3 2PJ



Inspection date	2 April 2019
Previous inspection date	4 November 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

This provision is good

- Staff have effective partnerships with local schools. They promote successful two-way communication to share information about children's development and well-being. This helps to support continuity in children's learning.
- Managers and staff evaluate the club well. They continually make positive changes and have clear action plans for future development. For example, they plan to raise children's awareness of their environment and involve them in recycling projects.
- Managers have a thorough understanding of their local community and the needs of children within it. They encourage parents and children to be involved in community events, such as a pie and pea supper. Parents comment that the club has a 'family atmosphere' and staff know the children very well.
- Staff provide stimulating activities that capture children's interests and engage them successfully. Children enjoy using natural materials to make models of volcanoes. They use their imagination well and share their ideas.
- Staff create a welcoming and friendly environment. Children are keen to talk about how much they enjoy their time at the club. They have strong relationships with staff and each other. Older children readily support younger children with activities and everyday tasks.
- Staff do not provide parents with enough information about what activities are on offer to their children.
- Children do not have a wide range of opportunities to play and learn in the outdoor environment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide parents with more information about what activities are on offer to their children
- make better use of outdoor areas to enhance opportunities for children to play and learn in the outdoor environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities indoors and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the club manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager, area manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector
Nicola Dickinson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Managers implement thorough recruitment and induction procedures to check staff are suitable to work with children. They ensure staff understand their roles and responsibilities. Staff access professional development opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills. They demonstrate a good understanding of safeguarding and child protection matters. Staff ensure the premises are secure, and supervise children well. Managers and staff welcome the views of parents and children to help them make improvements. For instance, they have changed teatime so that children can make more choices about their food and manage their portion size.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff work effectively with school staff to provide consistency for children's learning. They have an accurate understanding of children's prior knowledge and skills. Staff help children with homework, such as early reading and writing. Children say they enjoy their time at the club. They are eager to join in the activities on offer because staff take account of their interests. For example, staff provided them with ingredients to make play dough. Children spoke about how the mixture changed as they mixed the ingredients together. They added colour to achieve different effects, such as marbling. Children enjoy planting seeds. Staff encourage them to think about what a plant needs to grow and be healthy. Staff build on children's understanding of mathematics well. For example, they encourage them to think about how they might measure their plant when it grows. Staff involve children in funny and interesting conversations. These encourage positive interactions between children and promote their communication skills. For instance, they discuss what might happen if everyone had the same name.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff support children's move between the club and school well. They give high priority to making sure children are happy and settled. Children have a strong sense of belonging. They are confident to talk about their school day, friends and family. Staff are good role models. Children demonstrate good manners, are polite and behave very well. During school holidays, staff arrange trips to support children's understanding of their wider community. They travel by bus and train to places of interest, such as museums. Food and drinks provided are healthy and balanced. For example, children enjoy meat and vegetable wraps which they make themselves.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY485888
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10063050
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 - 12
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	78
Name of registered person	2nd Home Childcare Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP903263
Date of previous inspection	4 November 2015
Telephone number	0191 4111300

2nd Home Childcare Out Of School Club registered in 2014 and is located in St John's Parish Church Hall in the Birtley area of Chester le Street. The club employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold a relevant childcare qualification at level 2 or above. The club is open during term time from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm, and from 7am to 6pm during school holidays.

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