

Sandmartins Activity Club



Sandford St Martins C Of E V A Primary School, Sandford, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7BN

Inspection date	10 April 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Staff provide a dynamic and vibrant environment, both indoors and outside, in direct response to children's ideas and interests.
- The manager leads her team by example, as an enthusiastic advocate for children's play and well-being. She has a strong vision for the future and is already implementing ambitious plans to develop and improve the outdoor area.
- Children really enjoy attending the club. They are highly confident and articulate, expressing their views and ideas to staff and visitors, knowing they are listened to and respected.
- Partnerships with parents are highly successful. Staff see them as an integral part of the club and value their contributions enormously. Staff keep parents well informed about their child's achievements and maintain highly effective communication in a variety of ways.
- Children's behaviour is impeccable. They feel very much at home at the club and are eager to be involved in activities, make friends and support one another. They respect diversity in others and make strong relationships with staff and other children alike.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- implement plans to enhance staff supervision and training, to maintain the high-quality provision of the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children and took note of the activities they enjoyed.
- The inspector spoke to staff, children and parents at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector met with the manager to discuss safeguarding, the supervision of staff and the general management of the club.
- The inspector and manager discussed one of the planned activities to assess the impact on the children taking part.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including policies, children's records and improvement plans.

Inspector
Anne Mitchell

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The manager is passionate about providing the best possible play experiences for children during out-of-school hours and this enthusiasm is matched by her dedicated staff. The club is now in permanent accommodation and the manager and staff ensured that the children were integral in choosing the fixtures, fittings, colours and design, as well as the resources for the club. Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures that children's safety is paramount and that staff have the knowledge and training to keep children safe. Children feel emotionally secure and say they know who to speak to if they feel unhappy or worried about anything. The manager encourages staff's ongoing development through training opportunities. This, along with staff's own interests and life experiences, benefits children immensely. For example, staff running the gardening club teach children how to chit potatoes in preparation for planting. The manager supports her staff successfully and plans to make further improvements to staff supervision sessions to identify individualised training needs more promptly.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children have a wonderful time at the club and gain a strong sense of achievement at the end of the day. For example, whether they have helped a local specialist to build a living willow tunnel or taken part in an intense, yet friendly game of football, children are fully engaged in a broad range of absorbing activities. Following the current theme of 'Castles, knights and princesses', children make their own full-sized hobby horse. Others enjoy building a bug hotel so they can encourage more wildlife into the garden.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff are highly skilled and equally committed to providing a very happy and engaging environment, both indoors and outside. Consequently, children are busy and focussed in their play and thoroughly enjoy being in what they view as 'their club'. Staff consult with them regularly about the resources they would like and the activities they might like to try. The range of resources and the quality of activities is exceptional. Even children who are new to the club settle quickly and soon make friends. The premises are fully secure and all areas regularly checked so children can play in safety. Children take responsibility, tidying up toys with little prompting to prevent trip hazards or breakages. They have an excellent respect for their environment and for each other. Older children look out for their younger friends and include them in their games. This provides the youngest children with bags of confidence and high levels of positive self-esteem. During term time, staff escort children to and from school and successfully share information with their teachers. Some staff are also teaching assistants and teachers at the school and know the children extremely well. This provides a really good level of continuity between the school and the club.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY539958
Local authority	Dorset
Inspection number	10089544
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 - 10
Total number of places	38
Number of children on roll	130
Name of registered person	Sandmartins Activity Club Cio
Registered person unique reference number	RP539957
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01929 551212

Sandmartins Activity Club registered in 2016. It operates from a building in the grounds of Sandford St Martins Primary School in Sandford, Wareham. The club opens throughout the year. Sessions run five days a week during term time from 7.30am until 8.30am and 3pm until 6pm. In school holidays and on school inset days, sessions run from 7.30am until 6pm from Monday to Friday. The club is closed for one week during the summer holidays. The manager and three members of staff hold a relevant qualification at levels 2 and 3 and one member of staff holds qualified teacher status.

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