

Learning Legendz

2nd Knutsford Scout Hut, Manor Crescent, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8DL



Inspection date	16 April 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 assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The provider has failed to record required information, including the home address, parental contact details and information regarding children's health, for all children. This compromises children's well-being.
- The provider has not ensured that a contact number for the holiday club is available for parents in her absence. The only phone number available is for the provider. When she is not present, such as when on holiday, there is no other method in which parents can contact the club. This has an impact on children's well-being.
- The provider has failed to record required information with regards to suitability and vetting procedures for all staff.

It has the following strengths

- Children are happy and engaged during their time at the holiday club. They develop friendships with other children and make choices from a selection of activities as they play.
- Children develop an understanding of keeping themselves healthy by following hygiene routines. They take part in daily activities outdoors, which promotes their enjoyment of healthy lifestyles.

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 required information regarding children's individual details, including full name, date of birth, home address, parental contact details and medical needs, is recorded for all children and readily accessible	30/04/2019
ensure required information for all staff is recorded with regard to suitability and vetting checks, to include the disclosure number and the date that checks were completed	30/04/2019
ensure that parents have up-to-date contact details for the holiday club to enable them to contact staff at all times in case of an emergency.	30/04/2019

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a tour of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with children throughout the day and took account of the views of parents spoken to during the inspection.
- The inspector observed children taking part in play activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of practice with the manager.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of staff. She also reviewed a range of other documentation, including staff and children's records and written policies.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

The provider has not maintained required documentation. For example, children's individual records are not always available at the club, which puts their well-being at risk. In addition, the records of staff suitability are not accurately maintained. Although suitability checks are shown to be carried out by the provider during the recruitment process, some of the required information, for example the disclosure reference number, is not recorded for all members of the staff team. During the inspection, the manager was able to provide accurate information for herself and the second staff member. They are temporarily running the club and are not members of the usual staff team. The manager is aware of not leaving volunteers with no record of thorough checks unsupervised. Safeguarding is not effective. This is due to the weaknesses identified which have an impact on children's well-being. However, staff demonstrate a clear understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse. They are aware of appropriate procedures to follow should they have any concerns regarding a child's welfare. Information is displayed regarding up-to-date contact numbers and written safeguarding policies are in place.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children enjoy their time at the club. They take part in a variety of activities which are suited to different ages. Themed activities are often planned, including science, the Aztecs and spring. During independent play, children confidently choose from arts and crafts, reading, construction and imaginative play. Staff also plan guided activities which children can take part in if they choose to. Children are excited to follow an Easter egg hunt looking for hidden letters which spell out an Easter message. Younger children are supported by staff to find the letters and put them in the right order using the matching numbers. Children sit together for certain activities, such as group story time and singing. This helps to develop their social skills and builds on the new friendships they make. Staff read stories with enthusiasm, which children listen to with interest. They enjoy talking about the characters and sharing their own real-life experiences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Weaknesses in the organisation of the club and the systems for maintaining documentation mean that children's well-being is not promoted effectively. In the event of an emergency, staff do not have the required information for all children and parents are not able to contact the staff at the club. However, staff working with the children support them to develop a good understanding of keeping themselves safe and healthy. Children understand about wearing coats to play outdoors when it is cold and the importance of washing their hands before eating. Children bring their own snacks, lunch and drinks to the holiday club. Staff ensure that children can also pour themselves a drink of fresh water at all times. Children enjoy outdoor play each day and staff ensure that the shared outdoor area is safe for children's use. Children's behaviour is good. There is a calm, relaxed atmosphere in which children play, show respect for each other and develop friendships. Staff remind them gently of appropriate behaviours and children show a good understanding of what is expected. For example, children explain that they must walk together in pairs to go outside.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY544638
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	10060047
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children	3 - 13
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Learning Legendz Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP544637
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07940587630

Learning Legendz registered in 2017. The holiday club employs six members of childcare staff, five of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The provider holds qualified teacher status. The setting opens during school holidays only. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm.

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