

Cherry Tree Kids Club

Old Bexley

Old Bexley C of E Primary School, Hurst Road, BEXLEY, Kent DA5 3JR



Inspection date	26 June 2019
Previous inspection date	12 July 2016

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 create a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment for children to play after their school day. Children look forward to relaxing with their friends and having fun.
- Children access exciting types of physical play, such as football, tennis and skipping games, that keep them fit and healthy.
- Staff use their experience and good knowledge of the children's characters well, which helps to support their good behaviour. Children respond positively to requests. They are polite and make lasting friendships.
- Parents are very complimentary about the club facilities. They state that they value the service and the range of activities that they know their children enjoy.
- Children have opportunities to learn about their community and the wider world. For example, they enjoy craft activities to explore events such as United Nations Day, women's world cup football and Remembrance Day.
- Children do not consistently have sufficient resources to support their hygiene needs, such as soap for washing their hands.
- Although staff reflect on and evaluate the service they provide, they do not regularly seek children's ideas and involve them in the planning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide more facilities for children to efficiently manage their healthcare needs, such as additional soap for cleaning their hands
- provide children with more opportunities to make a contribution to planning, and share their ideas of how they wish to spend their time.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of activities indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at a range of documents, including policies and children's records.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and the area manager. She checked the suitability of staff, including their qualifications, and discussed the setting's self-evaluation.
- The inspector spoke to children and parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Strong supportive management and a dedicated staff team provide children with a welcoming play environment. Good arrangements ensure that staff and children know about keeping safe. For example, after a recent review, managers introduced walkie-talkies for staff use when supervising children in different areas of the building. Children also know to inform staff when they leave one place to go to another. This enables children to make the best use of all permitted areas, while having constant contact with staff. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff follow comprehensive policies, procedures and risk assessments to help to protect children's well-being and safety. All staff keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date and know the procedures to follow if they are concerned about a child's welfare. There is a robust system for recruitment and the manager and staff meet regularly to discuss practice. Staff receive good support through processes such as regular reviews of their professional development and support with additional training.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff plan a wide range of purposeful and interesting activities that help to enrich children's development and experiences. Children who want to relax have opportunities to do a variety of quieter activities, such as building models with coloured bricks, taking part in a colouring competition or looking at books. Staff encourage children's interest in reading, which complements their learning at school. Children enjoy a diverse range of craftwork sessions. For example, they creatively paint warm colours for autumn leaves and make models of sunflowers to welcome the summer. Older children welcome and include the younger members of the club in their activities, such as football and other team games. They also help younger children to develop their ideas with simpler activities, such as modelling with play dough.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff have good relationships with the children, who appear confident, happy and secure. Children learn about staying safe through daily routines and exercises, such as the fire drill practice. Children look forward to their evening meal that staff prepare. Children make choices from an inviting selection of nutritious food and enjoy making their individual sandwiches or wraps. Children say they like coming to the club. They benefit from the informal atmosphere and the company of their classmates while meeting new friends in other classes within the school. This helps to strengthen their feeling of belonging and school friendships.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY479135
Local authority	Bexley
Inspection number	10076121
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	61
Number of children on roll	127
Name of registered person	Cherry Tree Nursery GB Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP910454
Date of previous inspection	12 July 2016
Telephone number	07817400553

Cherry Tree Kids Club Old Bexley registered in 2014. It operates from Old Bexley Church of England School in the London Borough of Bexley. It operates Monday to Friday and offers a breakfast club from 7.30am to the start of school, and after-school care until 6pm, term time only. The club offers a holiday club from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, apart from two weeks during the summer holiday and at Christmas. There are nine members of staff, seven of whom hold appropriate childcare qualifications.

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