

Weston Kids Club

Weston Cp School, Lamsickle Lane, Weston, Runcorn WA7 4RA



Inspection date	8 August 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

- The leader of the club is very clear about her role and demonstrates good organisational skills which ensure the smooth running of the club. Staff work well together as a team for the enjoyment of children.
- All staff undertake regular training courses to give them up-to-date knowledge and skills to enable them to promote children's care, enjoyment and well-being effectively.
- Children enjoy spending time with their friends at the club. They particularly like making cookies and playing games, such as tennis, dodgeball and 'Duck, duck, goose'. They have opportunities to pursue a good variety of activities before and after school and during school holidays.
- Children's behaviour is superb. They show respect for each other and the staff who care for them. Older children enjoy their responsibilities in being good role models for younger children.
- All children are encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles. They spend time in the fresh air playing games and being physically active. They are encouraged to drink plenty of water when the weather is warmer and the 'tuck shop' now only supplies fresh fruit.
- Key persons have developed good relationships with their children. They enjoy spending time together chatting and playing different memory games. However, children are not consistently involved in making decisions relating to the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- involve children more in making decisions about the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had discussions with the provider about her leadership and the activities provided for children.
- The inspector sampled relevant documentation, including policies and procedures and information for parents.
- The inspector viewed different areas of the club used for children's activities.
- The inspector looked at comments from a number of parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the staff and children, and assessed the quality of their interactions during activities.

Inspector

Liz Grocott

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff make sure children can access all activities freely, indoors and outdoors, without any restriction. Staff do not need to escort children between areas because an electronic communication system between staff is used to keep children safe. Parents are exceptionally complimentary about the club. The 'Parent Zone' application allows them to see directly how their children spend their time. It is also one of the methods used by parents and staff to communicate information about the children. Parents comment on the brilliant communication, security, safety and variety of activities. They also comment that staff are very friendly, welcoming and professional. Staff have a good understanding of how to protect children and are aware of the signs and symptoms that may indicate children are at risk of harm. They are aware of specific issues in the immediate area that could affect children. Regular support from leaders ensures staff coaching and development opportunities are provided regularly.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide a variety of out-of-school activities that wrap around the school day. This provides a good balance to children's structured learning. Good communication between staff, parents and schools that children attend, means everyone is kept up to date on any pertinent information about the children. Staff at the club make sure they know what topics younger children are being taught in school. They keep this information in mind when they plan activities and outings in holiday time. During the school holidays, club staff provide a variety of craft activities, such as baking. They also take children out on day trips to farms and local theme parks. Children talk excitedly about the different rides they have been on and how delicious their home-made cookies are. They say they enjoy playing football, basketball, climbing and making a 'pirate ship' out of large wooden blocks.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children attending the club are confident, relaxed and appear happy. Even the youngest children understand about turn taking. When they want to play in the sand, water or take part in a craft activity, they know that by putting their name on the board, they will be given a turn when there is space. They follow rules in the outdoor area that they know are there to keep them safe. For instance, they know that when the sun is out, they must apply sun cream and play under the trees where there is shade to protect their skin. The youngest children enjoy playing with their siblings, taking part in the same activities. Groups of children use the wooded area to create their own imaginative play. They demonstrate kindness and patience towards younger children who ask if they can join in. Children spend sustained periods of time engaged with activities. For example, they sit and use white coloured pencils to draw 'secret' pictures and then use different-coloured pencils to go over their white drawings to reveal the true picture.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY549309
Local authority	Halton
Inspection number	10106855
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	3 - 12
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	262
Name of registered person	Kids Club Group Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP549308
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01928576328

Weston Kids Club registered in 2007 and re-registered under Kids Group Limited in 2017, following a change to the legal entity of ownership. The club is one of three currently owned and managed by the provider. The club employs nine members of childcare staff, all of whom hold playwork qualifications. The club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.45am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm. The holiday club operates during some school holidays from 7.45am until 6pm.

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