

Inspection of Downsview Holiday Activities

Downsview Methodist Church, Waddington Way, London SE19 3XH

Inspection date:

25 October 2019

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy a wide range of activities at this holiday club. Staff engage with children enthusiastically. They have meaningful conversations and listen to one another's views and opinions. Children form friendships as they play. There is a strong focus on physical skills. Children enjoy games outside including team sports such as football and hockey. This helps children to build on their social, physical and creative skills.

Children say that they enjoy coming to the club. Staff are clear about club rules and help children to behave well. Children develop good manners. Staff encourage them to consider their friends when they have snacks to ensure there is enough for everyone. Children have their say in the running of the club. Staff ask them what games they would like to play and what resources they should get out the next day.

Staff attend training courses in paediatric first aid and safeguarding. Most staff work in other educational settings during term time. The manager keeps records on training staff have received elsewhere. The staff team communicates well and has a daily briefing to address any issues promptly.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Staff set very clear expectations and children behave well. Children know the setting's rules well. For example, they sit together when asked and listen carefully to instructions. Children are kind and respectful to one another. They use toys and resources with care and tidy up when they have finished.
- Staff develop warm and caring relationships with children. They ensure children introduce themselves to their peers at the start of every session. Staff encourage children to play together and include others in activities. This helps them to feel confident and secure within the club.
- Children say their favourite activity is the weekly trip. Staff take children to local activities and events where they have fun. Children are keen to talk about the trips. For example, they visited an allotment to pick pumpkins and carrots, and made soup to share when they returned to the club. Staff and children celebrate their achievements.
- The manager develops strong partnerships with parents. Staff exchange information with them daily. Parents say they are fully aware of their children's experiences at the setting. They are very happy with the care that their children receive and their children are keen to attend.
- Children demonstrate a good understanding of healthy eating. Staff give guidance to parents to ensure packed lunches are healthy. On the last day of

holiday club, children and staff enjoy a themed party together. This gives children an opportunity to celebrate with their friends.

- Staff have a good knowledge about what children are learning at school. They encourage children to talk about school and extend their interests at the club. The manager wants children to enjoy a more relaxed learning environment during holiday time. Children say they enjoy having a break from school to have fun.
- Children have access to a large outdoor space as well as two halls indoors. The manager has strong links with the nursery which operates during term time. This means the holiday club has access to a good range of equipment and resources, both indoors and outside. This includes equipment that challenges children's physical skills effectively.
- The manager interviews regular members of staff for their positions. This ensures all staff are suitable to work with children. The holiday club also supports students who wish to volunteer. Volunteers work alongside a member of staff to support activities. This helps to maximise the use of the space and organise resources quickly.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The manager ensures staff have a clear understanding of safeguarding issues. She conducts a safeguarding briefing on the first day of the holiday club. Staff know how to respond to concerns about a child's welfare. The contact details for local authority officers are displayed clearly on a notice board. This means staff can find the information required should they need to make a referral. Staff know how to identify and minimise risks in the environment. Deployment is effective and children are well supervised by qualified members of staff. Children learn how to keep themselves and others safe. They have a good knowledge of road safety. The manager has appropriate policies and procedures in place to ensure children are safe. This includes a policy on the use of mobile phones, cameras and risk assessment.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY541962
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10098985
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 to 10
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	17
Name of registered person	Little Dinos Club
Registered person unique reference number	RP541961
Telephone number	07889230366
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Downsview Holiday Activities registered in 2017 and operates from Downsview church hall in the London Borough of Croydon. It is open from 9am to 6pm during school holidays only. There are five members of staff currently working with children. The manager holds a level 3 childcare qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Trina Lynskey

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the manager, staff and volunteers.
- The inspector spoke to parents and considered their views.
- Children told the inspector about their time at the club and the activities they enjoy.
- The inspector sampled a range of documents, including evidence of staff's suitability checks.
- The inspector looked at the areas used by the club, both indoors and outside, to check if these are safe and suitable.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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