

Inspection of Holiday School Care

Albemarle Primary School, Princes Way, LONDON SW19 6JP

Inspection date: 21 October 2019

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Inadequate

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

The provider has worked hard to improve leadership in the club since the previous inspection. The provider and staff are fully aware of their roles in reporting any safeguarding concerns they may have and recording long-term medication for children. The provider now carries out more detailed supervision of staff, and she is able to identify their training needs. Recent training has helped staff to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), enabling them to settle, have fun and be safe at the club. Staff have high expectations regarding children's behaviour. All children show respect for each other and older children eagerly help and support younger children during activities. Staff support all children to be independent. Children get themselves ready to play outside and organise themselves into teams for games such as football. Mealtimes are social times as children sit and talk about their day and what they do at home.

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

- Staff provide good-quality activities that help children to settle as soon as they arrive. Children eagerly rush into the club to start playing. They have a clear bond with staff, who help them to enjoy their time at the club.
- Staff work with the children and parents to review activities on offer. They plan activities according to children's interests and the feedback from previous sessions. Staff make sure activities are linked together to support children's learning. For example, during the inspection they were learning about bugs and insects, including visiting a wildlife centre to learn how to build 'bug hotels' and the importance of helping the insects. This also helps the children to enjoy their time at the club.
- Staff work closely with the local early years team to support children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. They are in regular correspondence, sharing the progress children are making at the club towards their targets. This helps to provide good continuity of care for the children.
- Routines at meal times are not always fully effective in supporting all children to have fun at the club. Staff ask children to wait at the tables until the majority of children have finished eating. On occasion, this can leave those who have completed their meal quickly, waiting without activities to occupy them.
- The provider works with staff to make sure they have a reasonable workload and are not stressed. Staff are given up-to-date training to make sure they are able to carry out their role to support children.
- Staff are all consistent in their approach to behaviour management. Children are all highly considerate of each other and behave exceptionally well.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The provider has worked hard to improve safeguarding practice in the club. Staff have a clear understanding of safeguarding and what procedures they would follow if they have any concerns. They work closely with the teachers of the schools that children attend on any safeguarding matters. The provider is now fully aware of her duties to report any child protection concerns she has to the relevant agencies. This helps to keep children safe. Staff conduct regular head counts and check and record that staff-to-children ratios are met for each age group. Staff support children effectively to learn about hazards when they go on trips and how to keep each other safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY556847
Local authority	Wandsworth
Inspection number	10113467
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	Holiday School Care Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP556846
Telephone number	07399321212
Date of previous inspection	28 May 2019

Information about this early years setting

Holiday School Care registered in March 2018. It is based in Albemarle Primary School in the London Borough of Wandsworth. The club operates during holidays only, from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. The club employs seven members of staff.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rebecca Hurst

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with the provider, the headteacher of the school, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the children in the main hall and outside play areas.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents and children.
- The inspector sampled documents, including safeguarding documents, staff recruitment and supervision.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how she monitors staff practice and performance.

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